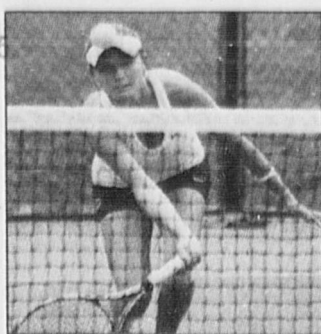


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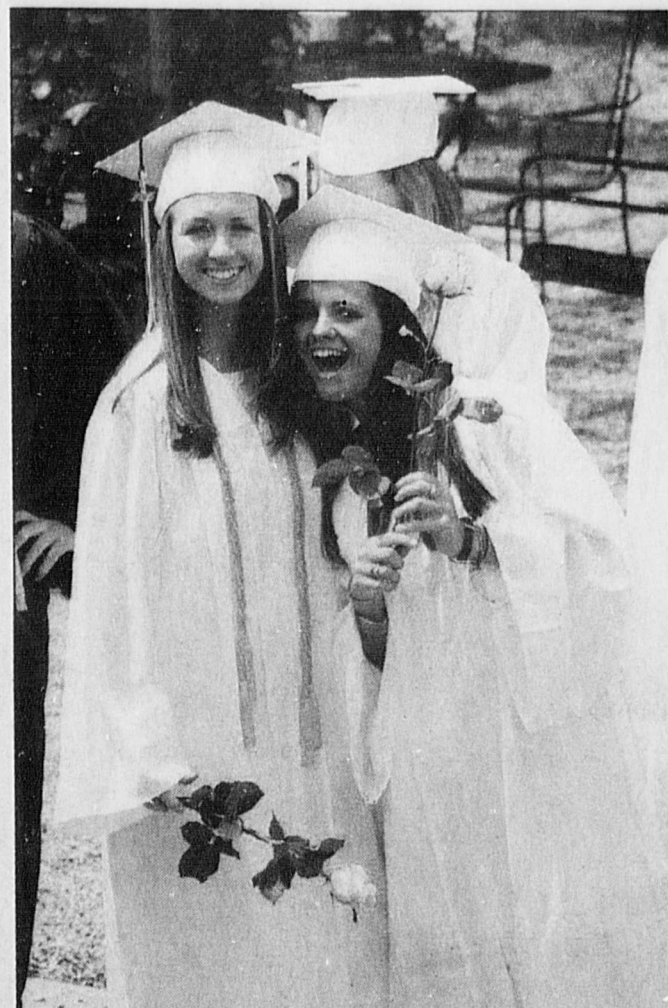
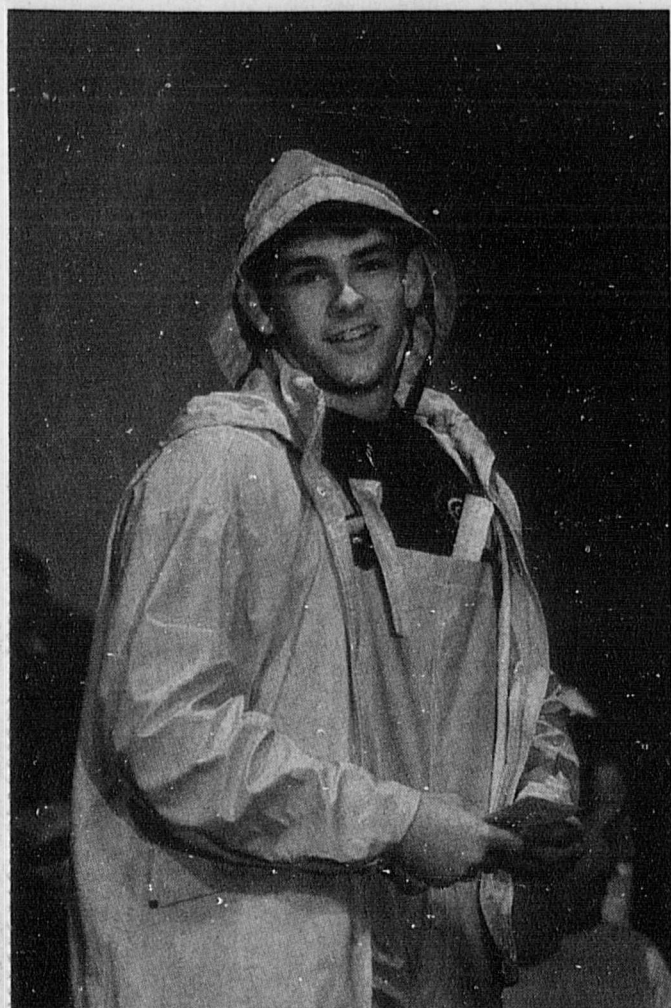
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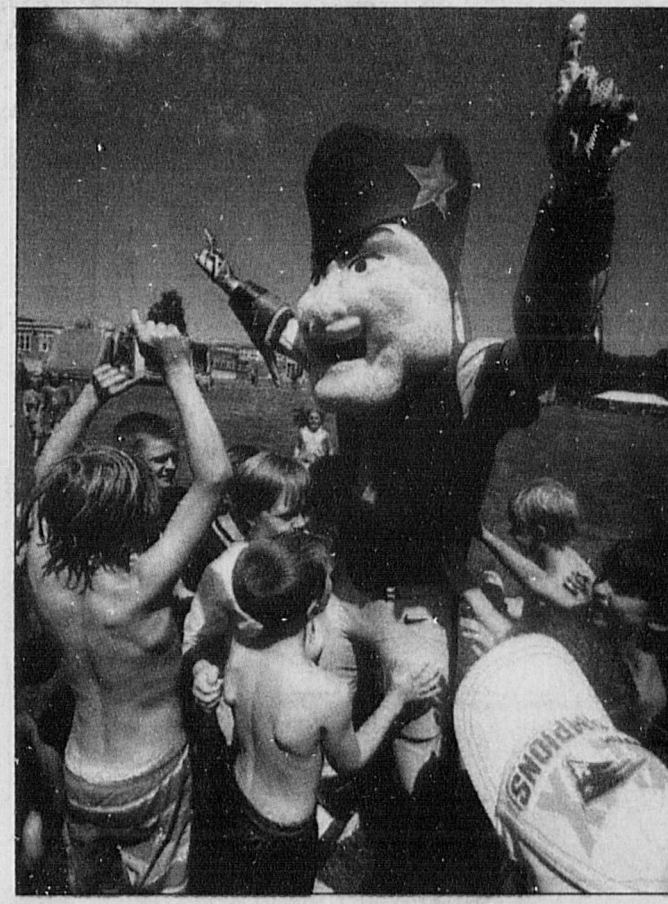
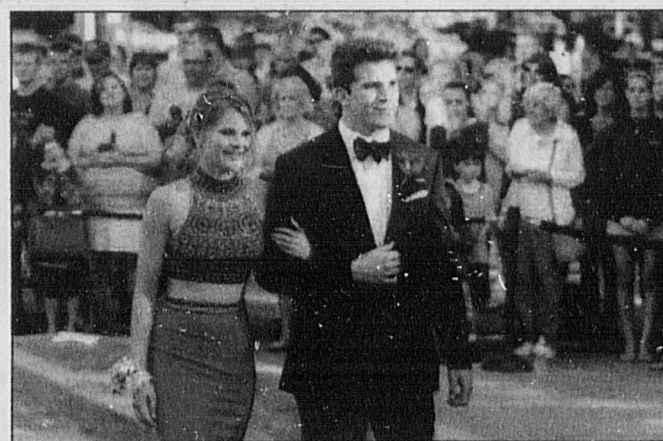
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Opening on Elder Affairs

The Board of Directors of the Council of Elder Affairs announced an opening for a new associate member. Anyone interested in taking part is encouraged to submit an application, resume and a letter of interest to Tracy Connors, assistant to the town manager.

Items can be emailed to tconnors@cohassetma.org, or mailed to the Selectmen's Office, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025. For an application and more information: Tearlson1@aol.com.

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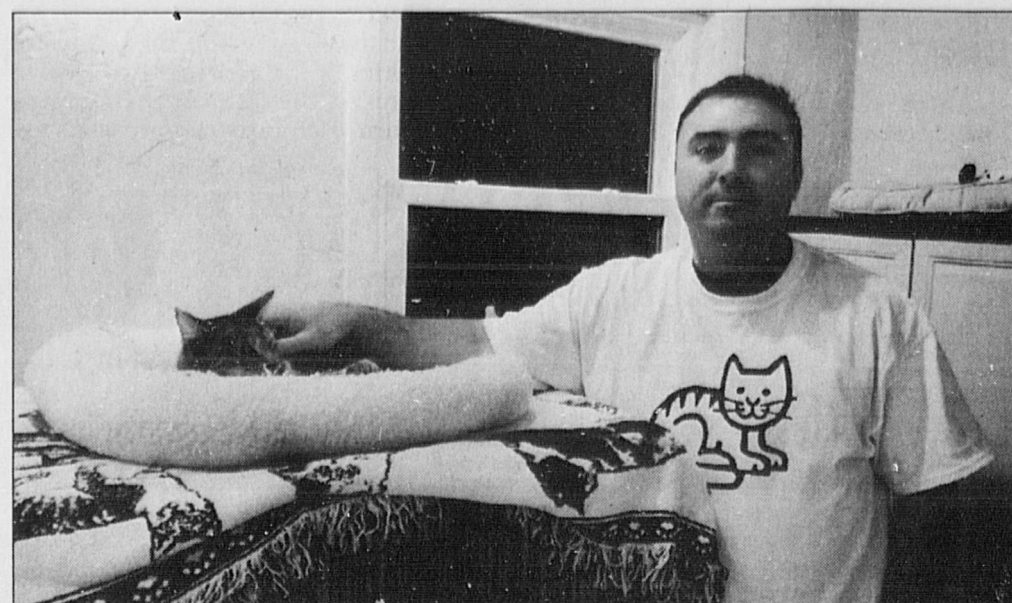
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PICTURE THIS

Scott Morrisette

Name: Scott Morrisette.**Occupation:** Operations Manager for Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.**Best day of your life:** Day I successfully defended my PhD.**Best (or worst) vacation:** Maui (best) New York City (Worst).**Favorite season:** Summer.**Favorite holiday:** Christmas.**Favorite snack:** Cheese and crackers.**Best book or magazine:** "Freak Camp," by Jessica Barnett (book); Forbes (magazine).**Best movie or actor:** "Ted 1" (movie); Johnny Depp (actor).**Best TV show:** "Family Guy."**Best music, group,**

This week the Mariner caught up with Scott Morrisette, who is Operations Manager for Hull Seaside Animal Rescue. If you see Scott around town be sure to tell him you saw him in Picture This and check out this week's Gimme Shelter column on page A6. COURTESY PHOTO

or artist: Rock, David Matthews.**Pet peeve:** Tardiness.**Dumbest thing you've ever done:** When I sent a text to my mom that was meant for

my girlfriend.

Fun fact: My first word was "Kitty!"**Goal:** To be the best man I can be.**Person you'd most like to meet:** Mr. Wonderful Kevin O'Leary.**Biggest worry:** The kitties!**Best part of Cohasset:** Downtown.

PAGE ONE CAPTIONS

Clockwise from top left:

Evan Canney smiles to the audience after winning the Mr. Skipper pageant Friday, March 13, 2015 at Cohasset High School (Photo by Mike Springer); Citizen of the Year Tommy Wigmore stands with his wife, Deirdre, who shaved her head in solidarity while her husband is treated for cancer (Robin Chan); Cecelia Tarpey, Annie Toomey, and Erin Toomey pose in their caves that they had dug out for themselves while enjoying the snow after the storm on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015 (Robin Chan); Madison Hagearty and Carly Gundersen are excited for graduation while waiting for it to start on

Saturday, June 6, 2015 (Robin Chan); Pat Patriot is surrounded by his kids on his arrival at Rec camp (Robin Chan); Jack Preston pushes his dump truck while enjoying the beautiful weather at Sandy Beach on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 (Robin Chan); Morgan Flynn finds pumpkins almost as big as her at the ASP pumpkin patch (Robin Chan); State Senator Bob Hedlund addresses the crowd during the Healing Field dedication on Saturday, May 23, 2015 (Robin Chan); Britany Gumpel and Hayes Keniley walk the red carpet for the crowd at Cohasset Town Hall at the Pre-prom Gala (Mark Jarret Chavous).

COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS

Gentle Chair Yoga to start Jan. 6

New location: Cohasset Elder Affairs is now located at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. All events and activities will be held in that location unless otherwise noted. The center offers tours for visitors.

New Program: Gentle Chair Yoga: Begins 1 p.m. Jan. 6. This beginner friendly chair yoga class will focus on maintaining and gently increasing mobility, deepening breath and improving balance. Participants can bring a mat if they have one, otherwise one will be provided. Wear comfortable, layered clothes and plan to eat a lighter healthy meal about two hours prior to class. Cost: \$5 drop in.

Dietician Elissa Goldman: Noon Jan. 14. Join for lunch. Goldman works at South Shore Elder Services and will be eating alongside guests and chatting about nutrition.

Boston Symphony Orchestra open rehearsal: 8:30 a.m. Jan. 21. BSO open rehearsals offer audience members a unique perspective on the creative dynamic between orchestra

and conductor. Participants will arrive in time for the pre-rehearsal talk. Cost is \$10, plus the cost of the ticket ranging \$18-\$30. Call to reserve a spot 383-9112. Limited availability.

Weight Loss with Joanne Campbell, certified hypnosis consultant: 10 a.m. Jan. 22. Start the New Year off by losing weight. Joanne will help guests to harness the determination and willpower needed to lose weight and keep it off. Three-week session cost: \$30.

Ongoing programs

Lunches. Tuesday-Thursday, noon. Meals provided by local restaurants and talented Cohasset cooks. Reservations requested no later than 24 hours in advance. Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. Voluntary donation, \$3.

Line dancing, Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Beginner to beginner plus. Helps posture and balance, improves memory skills and confidence. Drop-ins welcome. At 91 Sohier Street. \$5.

Veterans services hours. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m., Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St.

Gentle Yoga, Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a mat. At Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. \$5.

Yoga/Meditation, Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. Eclectic, fusion, beginner-friendly yoga class offering a variety of combinations to help you on your path to mindfulness and calm. Drop-in class. \$5.

Sit to get Fit: Thursdays, 10 a.m. Improve upper and lower body strength, flexibility and coordination from the comfort of your chair. \$5.

Book Club. First Thursday of the month, 1 p.m., Willcutt Commons, at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. November Book, Good Harbor, by Anita Diamont.

Knitting: Drop in. Learners welcome. Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. \$3 at 3 N. Main St.

Transportation: Door-to-door van service to the following: (For out-of-town trips, a voluntary donation of \$5 is requested).

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Around Town Route 3A, Mondays, 1-3 p.m.

Shaws, Tuesdays: 1 p.m.

Cohasset Train Station, Wednesdays: 9:04 a.m. train inbound. 3:08 p.m. outbound.

Around Town (downtown Cohasset), Thursdays: 9:30 a.m.

Stop and Shop, Fridays: 9:30 a.m.

Walmart/Hanover Mall. NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE: Second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Trader Joes/Marshalls, second Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m.

Derby Street Shops, third Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m., return 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Tree Shops, fourth Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m.

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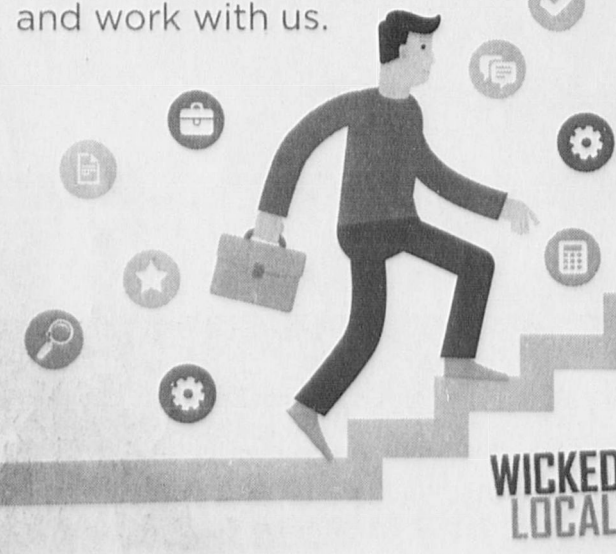
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Thursday	31	3:10	8.5	3:24	8.6	9:07	0.9	9:36	0.6	7:11	4:20
Friday	01	4:01	8.3	4:17	8.1	10:00	1.3	10:24	0.9	7:12	4:21
Saturday	02	4:51	8.2	5:11	7.8	10:54	1.4	11:15	1.2	7:12	4:22
Sunday	03	5:42	8.2	6:07	7.6	11:50	1.4			7:12	4:22
Monday	04	6:33	8.3	7:03	7.6	12:07	1.4	12:45	1.3	7:12	4:23
Tuesday	05	7:24	8.5	7:57	7.7	12:58	1.4	1:38	1.0	7:12	4:24
Wednesday	06	8:13	8.8	8:47	7.9	1:49	1.2	2:28	0.7	7:12	4:25
Thursday	07	8:59	9.1	9:35	8.1	2:37	1.0	3:15	0.2	7:11	4:26

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POLICE BEAT

Chain-reaction crash at Beechwood

By Mary Ford
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There was a three-car, chain reaction accident at the lights on Route 3A by Beechwood Street at about 11:23 a.m. on Thursday (Dec. 24). A 1999 Dodge Durango, operated by a 21-year-old Marshfield man, who was headed north, ran the red light and struck a 2012 Chevrolet Traverse that has slowed in traffic on 3A, police said. The Traverse, which was operated by a 16-year-old Scituate girl, was pushed into a 2012 Nissan Sentra, operated by a 60-year-old Scituate woman. The Durango sustained heavy front-end damage. All three vehicles were towed and there were no reported injuries. The operator of the Durango was cited for failure to stop at a red light and following too closely on a state highway, police said.

Christmas tree

A concerned caller on Red Gate Lane alerted police on Tuesday (Dec. 22) around 11:09 a.m. about a suspicious woman in a neighbor's yard with her head covered and wearing jeans. Investigation revealed the woman was a landscaper who was watering a tree decorated with lights that was near the house.

Dispute

Police responded for a well being check after receiving a report of a couple arguing in a car in the parking lot at Tedeschi Plaza around 12:20 p.m. on Tuesday (Dec. 22). The caller provided the plate on the 2006 Volvo that was traced back to a 44-year-old Scituate man. Scituate police sent a cruiser to the man's house and officers spoke with the couple. They confirmed there was a verbal argument but nothing physical occurred.

Homeless

A homeless man who is from Scituate and is known to police has been turning up in the log over the past week; callers report he is intoxicated. He turned up at Stop & Shop on Tuesday (Dec. 22) where he was

reportedly acting in an uncooperative manner and was causing trouble. Police caught up with him and the supermarket is considering issuing a no-trespass order so the man will not return to the store.

Erratic operator

Cohasset police did not catch up with a 2014 Nissan Altima that was being operated erratically from Scituate through Cohasset toward Hingham on Tuesday (Dec. 22) around 8:30 p.m. Cohasset notified Hingham police who pulled the car over on Main Street (Route 228) in Hingham. Hingham police arrested the driver, Shawn K. Curran, 45, of 65 Cedar St., Plympton, who was exhibiting the signs and symptoms of intoxication, for operating under the influence of alcohol, driving to endanger and marked lanes violation. The Nissan, which was a rental car, was towed.

Lost dog

Reports of a suspicious vehicle on S. Main Street around 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday (Dec. 22) with people yelling out the windows of the green pickup truck turned out to be owners calling for their lost dog. The dog and owners were reunited, police said.

Deer accident

At 4:38 p.m. on Wednesday (Dec. 23), a 61-year-old Scituate man in a 2009 Chevrolet pickup reported that he was headed north when a deer darted out from the vicinity of JJ's and ran into the passenger side of the truck. The deer was in distress and had to be put down, police said.

Bird in kitchen

When police arrived at a Hobart Lane home after a caller reported a bird or bat had flown into the kitchen, the bird had already fled the scene on Wednesday evening (Dec. 23). Police note that homeowners should call them if they think the intruder is a bat because bats can carry the rabies virus.

Defrost issue

Police went to the home on Beechwood Street of a 72-year-old Cohasset

woman who had been reported as driving very slowly and was all over the road in a 2008 Subaru Impreza through Scituate by the Scituate police. As it turned out the woman told the officers she was having problems with her defrost causing her to drive that way.

MVC

Police responded to an accident at Route 3A and Pond Street around 11 a.m. on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24). A 2014 Ford pickup, operated by a 32-year-old Cohasset man, was attempting a left from 3A onto Pond Street in front of a 2001 Buick sedan, operated by an 86-year-old Cohasset woman. Both vehicles collided in the intersection. There were no injuries; the Buick was towed. The crash is still under investigation to determine who was at fault, police said.

MVC

There was a two-car accident at the lights at Sohler Street and Ripley Road at 5:38 p.m. on Thursday (Dec. 24). Police said a 2010 Jeep Grand Cherokee, operated by a 51-year-old Cohasset woman, was attempting to turn right on red from Sohler Street onto Ripley Road toward the post office when the Jeep collided with a 2014 Toyota RAV4 that was traveling on Ripley Road on the green light through the intersection. A 43-year-old Cohasset woman operated the Toyota. There were no tows and no injuries but the operator of the Jeep was cited for a right-on-red violation.

Wolf sighting

Police did not catch up with a reported wolf walking along Fair Oaks Lane on Christmas Day (Dec. 25) around 11 a.m. Police think the animal was likely a coyote as there are no wolves in the area.

Ride home

Police responded to a report of an intoxicated man walking near St. Anthony's on Christmas afternoon around 1:20 p.m. They located the man who is 38 and from Cohasset and gave him a ride to his house.

No fraud

The clerk at Mobil Mart called police when a young-looking man presented an out-of-state license to purchase cigarettes on Christmas Day. Police determined that the man, who is from South Carolina, was old enough to make the purchase.

Arrest

Police responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the Beechwood Ballpark and caught up with them on Beechwood Street in a 2008 Acura. Investigation revealed both the passenger and operator were wanted on default warrants out of Brockton District Court for the Brockton police for non-payment of court fines. Arrested on the warrants were Amanda C. Durant, 25, and Joseph C. Orsie, 31, both of 31 Schofield Road, Cohasset.

Expired registration

An officer on patrol pulled over a 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee with expired plates on Saturday (Dec. 26) at 6 p.m. on Forest Avenue. The registration came back as non-renewable due to nonpayment of either parking tickets or excise tax. The Jeep was towed and the operator, a 21-year-old Hull man, will be summonsed to court for operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Deer struck

A caller reported hitting a deer around 5:50 p.m. on Sunday (Dec. 27) on Chief Justice Cushing Highway between Beechwood and Pond streets. The deer that darted across the highway was injured and had to be put down. MassDOT was notified to pick up the carcass.

DPW

Holiday disposal rules

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Christmas trees may be brought to the Department parking area. Remove all wires and decorations.

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SAVE THE DATE

Memorabilia seminar

Lisa Dooley of "Your Organized Life" will demonstrate a number of ways to showcase items to make memories last at her seminar "Making Memories Last," held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at the South Shore Community

Center, 3 N. Main St. Cost is \$25 per person. Registration is required; there is limited space for this seminar.

For information: 781-383-0088; southshorecommunitycenter.com.

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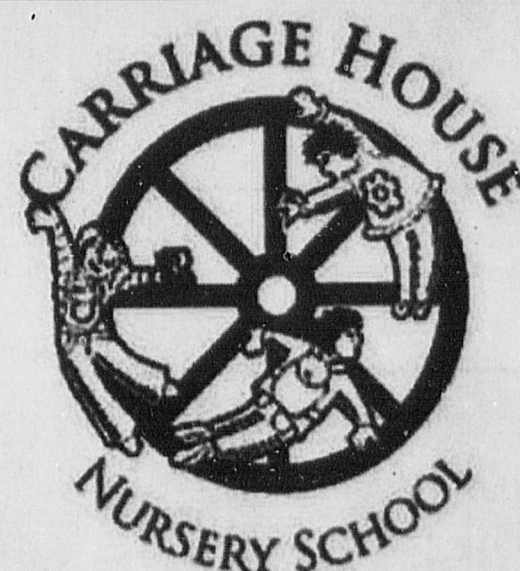
Auditions for 'Briefs III'

Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold open auditions at 7 p.m. Jan. 3 and 4 at Cohasset Town Hall theater, 41 Highland Ave., for its third annual 10-minute play festival, "Briefs III."

Actors are instructed to prepare a one-minute monologue of choice or select one provided at the audition. All roles in the seven 10-minute plays are open for men and women

ages 18 and older, with one possible role for a younger teenager, male or female. Rehearsals will be held over a four-week period. Final technical rehearsals are the week of Feb. 1, and productions are scheduled for Feb. 5 and 6 at Cohasset Town Hall Theater.

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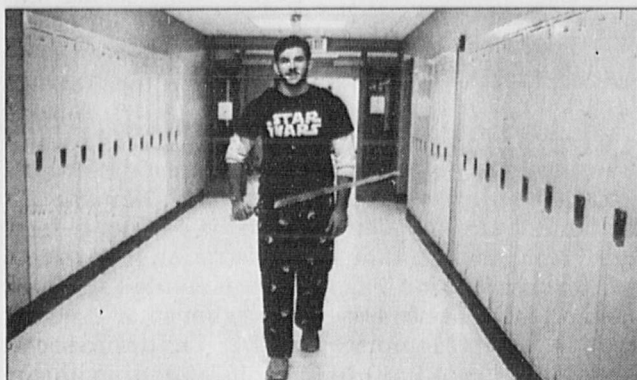
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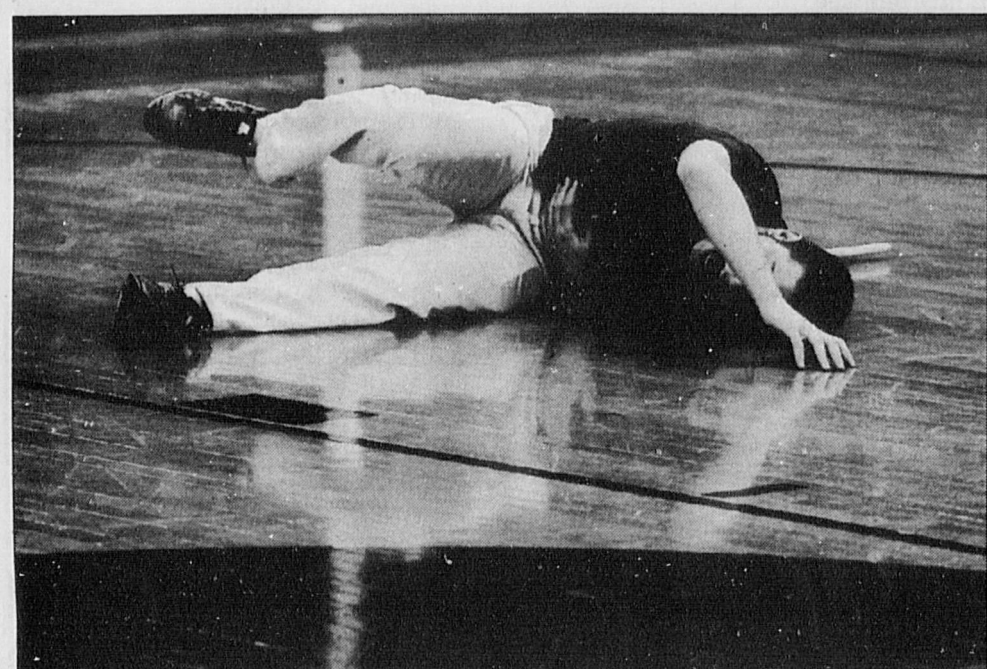
Senior Evan Canney walks the hallways of the high school with his lightsaber.



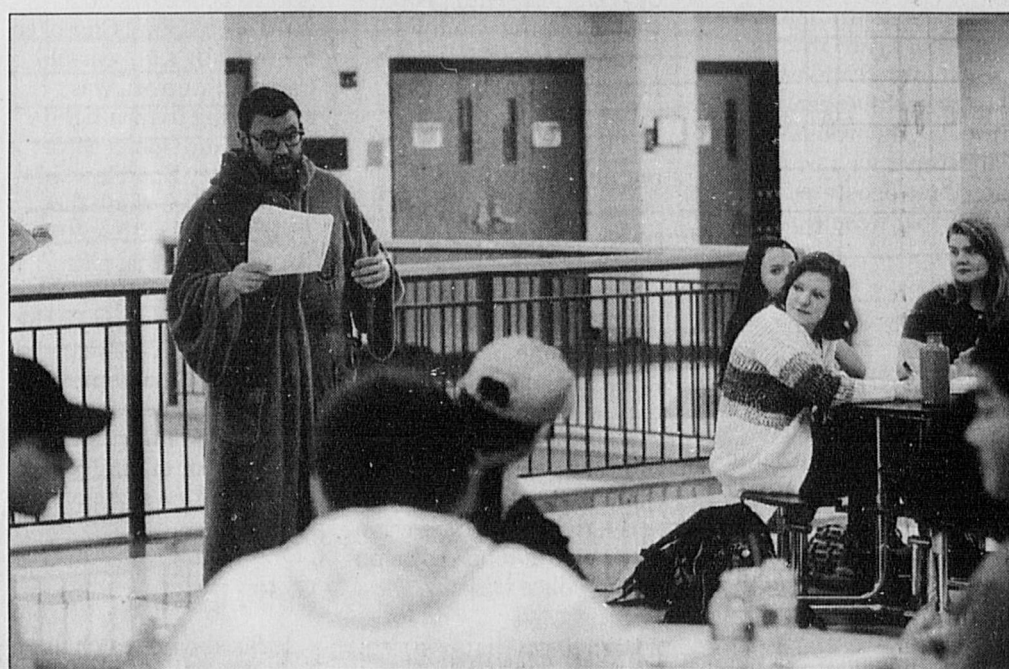
Freshman Niels Elandsen battle junior Seamus Sheehy during a lightsaber challenge during lunch time.



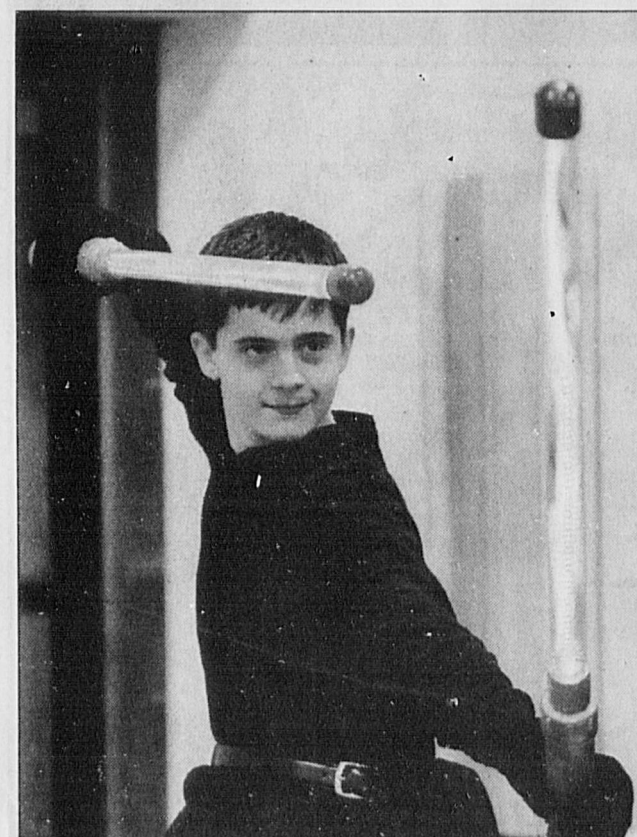
Scott Lietz, freshman Tyler Mulhern, and freshman Conor Joslin are dressed up for "Star Wars" day during their Algebra I class.



Jacob Shaefer rolls around on the ground in pain after getting hit by a lightsaber during their duel in the gym during "Star Wars" day.



Bill Fish teaches "Hamlet" in his senior accelerated English class dressed up as a Jedi master.



Freshman Niels Elandsen pose for a photo while getting ready to head into battle during the lightsaber duel.



Senior Ben Moy and high school principal Carolyn Conolly dress up as Princess Leia for "Star Wars" day.



Senior Micaela Herth wears makeup while dressed up as Darth Maul from "Phantom Menace."



Freshman Dimitri Dilillo shows off his R2 unit to Sophie Markowitz and Jessica Adley during lunch at their high school.



"Do you know who I am? I don't need homework!" Darth Vader, played by junior Patrick Slater, raises his hand during Marine Science class taught by Mr. Ed Savage during "Star Wars" day at the high school on Friday, Dec. 18.

YEAR IN REVIEW



Last year's Citizen of the Year recipient Jack Buckley congratulates this year's Citizen of the Year, Tom Wigmore, during the banquet on Thursday, May 21, 2015. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's 2015 is now one for the history books

By Amanda C. Thompson
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2015 was a productive year for Cohasset. We might not have hoverboards yet (at least, not ones that actually hover), but new staff, new projects, and new businesses have pushed Cohasset into the future, regardless.

The village is starting to transform. New developments have been approved at 8 James Lane and 1-3 Brook Street. It's time for town officials to get cracking on a new Master Plan that will channel all this progress into the best possible future-Cohasset!

Follow the gas main construction out to Ripley Road and you'll find the Rec Department living in the former "Our World" space beneath the library. Next door, Elder Affairs has finally settled into its new home at Willcutt Commons. Over at the harbor, dredging is well underway (we can hear all the fishermen saying, "About time!") and a brand new Sailing Club went up in time for summer.

Cohasset caught the eyes of Massachusetts leaders by becoming a Green Community in 2015, and even drew national attention when Dr. Rudy Tanzi was recognized by Time Magazine for his groundbreaking Alzheimer's research and 5th grade teacher Mike Lewis was recognized by Apple for his progressive teaching techniques.

Others, like Tommy Wigmore, may never be recognized beyond the borders of Cohasset,

but will remain deeply embedded in our hearts nonetheless.

Equally impressive this year have been the kids of Cohasset: Eagle Scouts and athletes, scientists and entrepreneurs, they are one big reason to be proud of this town and to look forward eagerly to 2016

and beyond!

We at the Cohasset Mariner hope that you enjoyed your holidays and have found time to take a deep breath before plunging headlong into the New Year. May you meet the future with grace and aplomb, whatever it may bring.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Biggest business stories of 2015

By Amanda C. Thompson
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93 Ripley Road: Last winter's snowpocalypse spelled bad news for many local businesses, but none more so than All the Best Natural Foods, which closed in April. Owner David Bigley said he didn't want to drag out the store's inevitable closing – and after last February, it was, alas, inevitable.

Bigley announced the store's closing, and within a week, All the Best was empty. Friends and customers carried goods out in tote bags, which Bigley allowed them to fill for \$25 each. The rest was donated to Wellspring or transported to Bigley's house nearby.

In its place now stands KM Custom Upholstery – a business whose name might ring a bell for townies, since Kevin Matta had a Cohasset shop by the same name back in the 1980s and '90s. This time, though, the man behind the (custom) curtain is Kevin's son, Joe Matta.

Kevin and Joe see themselves as "doctors of furniture," offering re-upholstery, repairs, and even from-scratch construction. Although Joe studied chemistry in college, he missed the personal elements of working in a business like his father's. It turned out they were cut from the same cloth after all.

Old Harbor, new storefront: Like the award-winning items on his barbecue menu, Michael Amonte's vision for Old Harbor Catering has been slow-cooked to perfection. At first, Amonte would deliver lobster bakes and barbecues for private

events. Then, he started making the rounds at farmers' markets in Cohasset, Scituate and Marshfield, serving top-notch food out of a tent – and, later, a trailer.

Finally, as of May, Old Harbor has a permanent home at Jonathan Livingstone Plaza. Amonte called the storefront a "mini-Whole Foods," where people can come in and purchase what they need (fish, potato salad, ready-made skewers for the grill), or sit and enjoy the day's specials at one of the tables.

Amonte said on opening week, "This was always the vision."

Local ap-Peel: When Higgins and his brother-in-law, Matthew Troy, opened the Peel in Hingham Square two years ago, it was a fresh start, with a fresh new logo and all the freshest ingredients. Now Peel has a fresh new location in Cohasset Village: next to Dooley's pub, in the former home of Mangia pizzeria. Higgins learned the space would be available during the spring and jumped on it.

Like its predecessor, Peel offers pick-up and delivery, but with the added option of eating indoors or at the patio it shares with Doolley's. The dividing wall in the dining room has been moved back to accommodate four tables and eight chairs.

Higgins was thrilled to bring his popular product to the doorsteps of loyal customers in Cohasset and Scituate. From the Hingham location, Peel was unable to deliver as far away as Scituate. He had long thought of Cohasset as the perfect location to

open a second shop.

Filling the gap: Dr. Katherine McArthur retired after 27 years at her dental practice on 3A, saying she was ready to spend more time with her husband and two children. Taking her place are Drs. Alison Freeman and Jillian Smith.

Freeman, a Hopkinton native and current Hanover resident, completed her dental education in 2005 and has been in private practice for nine years at Freeman Dental Associates in Hanson. Smith graduated dental school in 2013 and has practiced all over the greater Boston area, dividing her weeks between three or more practices at a time.

The women will be splitting their time between the two locations, with Smith working Mondays and Tuesdays in Cohasset and Freeman working Wednesdays and Thursdays. They will retain the same hygienists who previously worked under McArthur.

Wicked good combination: Local sweethearts Wicked Good Cupcakes announced in November that they had partnered with Cinnabon to create four new cupcakes-in-a-jar: Cinnamon roll, spiced gingerbread, pumpkin, and a gluten-free cinnamon roll cupcake that will be Cinnabon's first gluten-free product ever.

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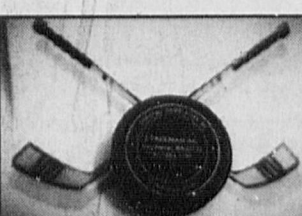
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CONSERVATORY NOTES

Some of our New Year's resolutions

By Elaine Sorrentino

New Year's resolutions are often full of good intentions to live healthier, save more, be more charitable, stop procrastinating, and keep the holiday spirit alive all year long. In the past, many of us have broken our resolutions within the first week. But our 2016 resolution, here at South Shore Conservatory, is to keep our resolutions until they become a part of our permanent routine. While it's doubtful we'll all succeed, we can certainly try. Here's my prediction:

■ The person I believe will have the best luck keeping her resolution is Beth MacLeod Largent, our Director of Performance. She resolves to spread more glitter and sparkle throughout the New Year. Basically what this means is that she's spreading joy, which she believes the world needs more of.

Just one look at Beth's office, and you'll find yourself smiling at her fun, inviting sparkly décor. She's had strangers stop as they go by her office to tell her how happy her office space makes them feel. They never say "too much glitter." Clearly here is a happy vocalist who is comfortable being who she is, and wants others to be happy too.

■ Another successful resolver will be our new Institutional Advancement Associate Emma Snelling, who resolves to go to as many concerts and performances as she possibly can. She feels it's



Beth MacLeod Largent resolves to spread sparkly joy throughout the New Year. COURTESY PHOTO

a great way to learn about the wide variety of music that the conservatory is involved in.

If you check out our website calendar you'll see student recitals every month, Conservatory Concert Series performances showcasing our faculty, Bay Youth Symphony concerts, summer concerts in the amphitheater, and Hingham Jazz Festival, which showcases South Shore Conservatory's jazz/rock/pop faculty. Yes, Emma will have a busy 2016 and will learn a lot about us!

■ Su D'Ambrosio's resolution is to involve more people in our ensemble and adult programs to bring people from different communities together to share their love of and passion for the arts. As the Director of Programs and Curriculum, she's already got some fun, inviting adult programs lined up.

In the New Year, jazz lovers can learn the story behind the songs with Tuesday Night Records; adult students on any "bluegrass" instrument,

such as dobro, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, and upright bass will find a home with Bluegrass Jam; and those interested in improv can try it out with Intro to Drama Improv.

■ Director of Annual Giving Eileen Puzo resolves to tidy her desk at least once a month... or at least condense the sprawl into a visually appealing pile. With the busy development schedule Eileen keeps, and with Chase Away the Winter Blues coming up Jan. 30, I predict that the first part of her resolution has little chance of being kept.

■ However, Hingham Campus Manager Sharon Bohan, who generously gives of her time whenever there's a need, may have the most difficult time. Her resolution is to take vacation day every month to rejuvenate and take time for herself.

Where the month of January is the busiest at the Hingham campus, with its preparation for the start of the spring semester, plus our annual Blues event on Jan. 30, I hear Sharon saying "I'll just take two days in February to make up for January." In my book, that's breaking your resolution right off the bat!

Happy New Year to all, and if your resolution is to do something nice for yourself in the New Year, check out our arts-based program offerings and concerts at sscmusic.org or find us on Facebook.

Elaine Sorrentino is South Shore Conservatory's Communications Director.

GIMME SHELTER

Sweet Diamond is a real jewel

By Tammy Hatch

Diamond is a beautiful, sweet, super friendly 6-year-old tuxedo with soulful green eyes and warmhearted personality.

Adopted from us as a kitten, Diamond found herself back at the shelter due to her owner's illness. Unexpected and scary, returning to the shelter was a sad and difficult time for Diamond.

As the days passed to weeks and weeks to months Diamond began to show signs of depression and a disheartening digression. Diamond was placed in foster care so that she could receive the much needed one-on-one she so desperately needed and deserved.

The good news is that Diamond's foster family report with each new day she is making great strides and improvement showing us that her potential in a forever home environment is unlimited. This loving and affectionate girl easily charms her way into the hearts of those she meets with her warm personality and

sweet nature.

Diamond wants nothing more than to find herself in a forever home again, one that is as quiet and gentle as she is so that she can once again have the solace and companionship she has desperately missed. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this special girl's New Year's wish came true? Call our adoption coordinator to arrange for a home visit so you can see for yourself what makes this girl so very special.

You can learn more about Diamond and the other cats and kittens we have available for adoption by visiting us online at www.hsar.org or by visiting us at our new location, 487 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Open hours are Monday nights, 6:30 to 7:30, and Saturdays, 2 to 3 p.m. If these times are not convenient for you, special appointments can be made by calling our adoption coordinator, Judy, 781-534-4902.

Kittendale calendars

The 2016 Kittendale

calendars are here! This year we are very excited to feature an American pop star and two athletes. Check these impressively handsome guys out! Kittendales can be purchased on-line at www.hsar.org and are also available for purchase at Toast Restaurant in Hull and at the shelter. The cost is \$20. All of the money raised from calendar sales is used to rescue, care for and place homeless cats in forever homes.

Great year!

In 2015 we adopted out 160 cats and kittens to their "forever homes." That's an average of 6 adoptions a week! This amazing feat could not have been accomplished if it were not for the tireless efforts and dedication of our adoption coordinator, Judy Fahey. Judy's devotion and commitment to HSAR should serve as an inspiration for us all. Thank you Judy.

—Tammy Hatch is a Volunteer and Board Member at Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.



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CHS alum launches chiropractic practice

By Amanda C. Thompson
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John McCarthy's got your back.

The 2007 Cohasset High School alumnus has returned to his hometown with a doctorate degree in chiropractic in order to launch his own practice in the place where he grew up.

"I always wanted to come back to Cohasset," McCarthy said. "I wanted to bring back what I had learned to the community here. In school, I had many different paths, but they ultimately brought me back to the South Shore. It adds another layer of passion when you come back to your own area and can enrich the community."

Plus, he missed the beach.

McCarthy studied for four years at Life Chiropractic College West in California, but the beach was half an hour away. Then he was honing his practice in a part of Georgia — which, if it's beaches you want, might as well have been the Midwest.

But it wasn't all bad. At the clinic he worked for in Georgia, McCarthy got to care for the basketball team at a Christian school associated with his church. He loved being the team chiropractor and hopes a similar opportunity might present itself here.

New England is where



John McCarthy, a Cohasset High grad, returned to town to start his own chiropractic practice where he grew up.

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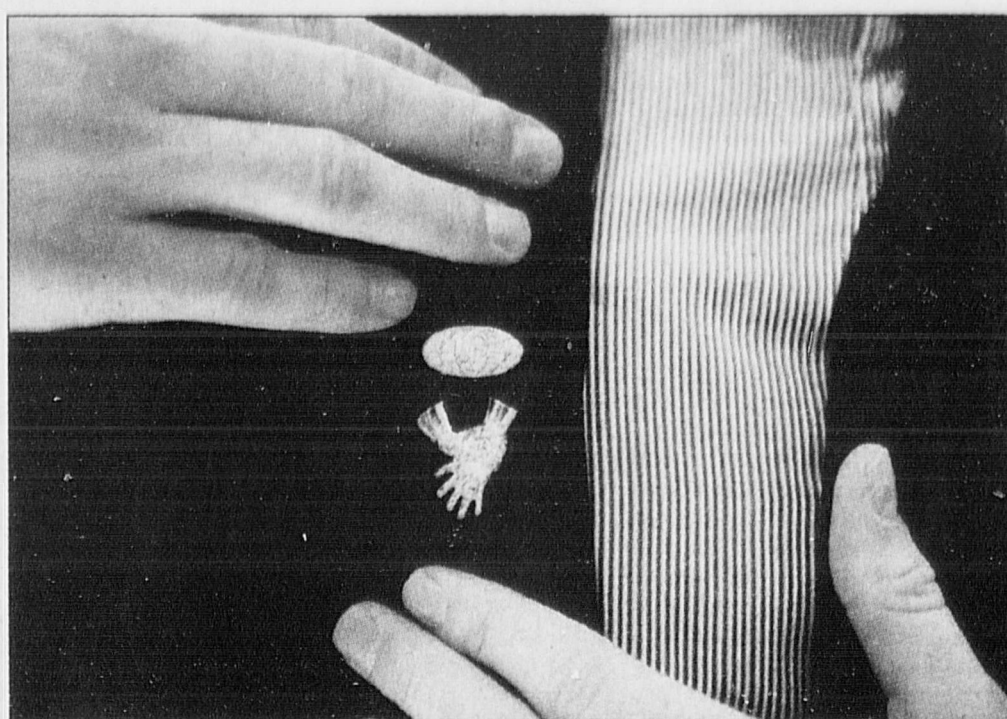
John McCarthy

it all began for McCarthy. He was always interested in health and science, and majored in health science for his undergraduate degree from Quinnipiac, but it was only thanks to his dad's best friend that McCarthy found his true calling.

He remembers visiting his dad's friend in Vermont when he was younger. "I always thought he was the coolest person in the world," McCarthy recalled. "I asked my dad what Palmer did for work, and decided I wanted to be that."

He's learned a lot since then. Chiropractic, McCarthy explained, is all about using the body's natural ability to achieve health and healing. A chiropractor uses x-rays to find where bones in the spine are misaligned, then uses his hands to restore proper function. Because the spine protects the spinal cord, misalignment can create undue pressure that leads to further health complications.

"Neck and back pain or sciatica — those are symptoms, like the check engine light in your car,"



John McCarthy wears two pins on his blazer. The LP globe pin stands for Lasting Purpose, as McCarthy says, "to love and serve out of your own abundance without expectation of anything in return." The second pin is the chiropractic healing hands. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTOS / ALYSSA STONE

said McCarthy. "It's telling you that there's a problem in your body. Some things that we all experience, like foggiess in the morning, aren't actually normal; they're warning signs. Proper neurological function helps the body heal itself."

In addition to his work in Georgia and his residency at an outpatient clinic in California, McCarthy has done outreach to developing countries such as El Salvador and the Dominican Republic. He hopes to add Colombia to that list in the

spring.

In these countries, McCarthy and his team cared for government workers and rural villagers alike. Their ultimate goal is to establish chiropractic as a health care service in countries that don't yet have it.

McCarthy wears two pins to remind him of this higher calling: the healing hands of the chiropractor, and the "lasting purpose" pin that represents the motto of his chiropractic school: "To love and serve out of your own abundance without expecting

anything in return."

Starting this week, McCarthy will be loving and serving his hometown out of that abundance — first as an independent contractor working out of an office, but soon, hopefully, out of his own practice.

McCarthy is looking for a location for his practice and is considering a spot in Scituate Harbor or one on the Cohasset/Hingham border.

— Follow Amanda on Twitter for updates: @MarinerAmandaT

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Thanks for all your support!

In honor of the end of 2015, the Pantry Corner would like to thank everybody who has helped out this year. Like most of small businesses, the Food Pantry got off to a rocky start of the year due to the harsh weather. Despite what felt like hundreds of feet of snow dumped on Cohasset, gracious donations from the citizens helped us stay afloat and for that we thank you.

We would like to thank all of our community, neighbors, friends, churches, organizations, and businesses that support Cohasset families in need, all year long. The Pantry would like to offer

a special thank you to the Kinnealy family for their generous donations of meats over the holidays.

If you or your organization is planning a food drive and would to publicize it in Pantry Corner, please email: mcsheff110@gmail.com. The Food Pantry is looking forward for an even better year in 2016. Thank you again to everyone and have a wonderful and safe New Year.

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A LOOK 2015 BACK

YEAR IN REVIEW

Top teens and kids of 2015

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Eagle Scouts: Troop 28 celebrated seven new Eagle Scouts in 2015: Levente Haber, David Hillman, Nick Rosen, John Clay, Sam Greenip, Luke O'Brien and Adam Korohey. At 57 members, the troop is bigger than it's ever been, with even more Life Scouts working to become Eagles in 2016.

Eagle Scouts must earn at least 21 merit badges, demonstrate leadership capability, and complete a capstone community project, all before they reach their 18th birthday. Some badges are about giving back, while others are about learning new skills and interests. The project is about more than just service hours; it's about showing organization and leadership in order to better one's community.

Scoutmaster Rob Hillman said, "The guys who become Eagle Scouts tend to be the whole package. I'm enormously proud of all of them. It's been a lot of hard work, skills, and sleeping in tents in the rain."

Teen girls try the Tri: Eighth-grader Emma Stephens competed in her first full triathlon to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Stephens herself is a Type 1 diabetic, which means her body doesn't produce any of the insulin it needs to process and regulate blood sugars.

With the help of 17 friends and supporters, Stephens participated in the 2014 Triathlon relay-style. With a new Dexcom device that checks her blood sugar every five minutes and sends an alert to her phone, Stephens planned to complete the whole Tri in 2015, alongside friend and classmate Annie Toomey. With the new device, she wouldn't lose any time stopping to check her blood sugar between events.

Stephens, Toomey and friends raised over \$2,000 for the foundation, so the race was a success for them, even though rain ultimately transformed the Tri into a 5K road race.

7-year-old outruns diabetes at Junior Tri: Shane Shaughnessy was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes shortly after his fifth birthday, but that couldn't stop him from competing in Cohasset's 2nd annual Junior Triathlon. His three cousins traveled from Reading to participate in the race with him.

Shaughnessy raced in the Junior Tri in 2014, as well, so he knew what to expect. Although swimming can burn off his blood sugars more quickly than other activities, it's one of his favorite things to do and the part of the race that came most naturally to him. As the race approached, though, Shaughnessy admitted he needed to buckle down on his running practice.

The Cohasset Junior Triathlon benefits the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, which strives to reduce the impact of the disease "until they achieve a world without Type 1 diabetes" (JDRF mission statement).

They've been knotty this year: Lauren Wolpers and Hannah Hession, fifth graders at Deer Hill School, started their company Bracelets for Bucks in

July to help those impacted by the earthquake that struck Haiti in January of 2010. The string-knot bracelets sold for \$5 each and all proceeds goes to the Ansara Family Fund.

Wolpers came up with the idea when she learned that her mom's former boss had founded Ansara. The foundation teamed up with Partners in Health to construct the University Hospital of Mirebalais, Haiti's national teaching hospital, which was completed in 2013. Wolpers and Hession hoped their proceeds could help build the next hospital.

Walking a mile in someone else's shoes: After seeing a commercial about homelessness, Tess Cassel decided she wanted to forego her own birthday presents in order to give to someone who needed them more than she did. Her mom, Karin Cassel, suggested sending the shoes to their needy neighbors in Quincy through the Germantown Neighborhood Center.

The Center, when Tess and Karin toured it, had everything: from daycare and women's classes, to a clothing shop, to a musical practice and performance space. But it didn't have fresh produce on the pantry shelves, and this bothered the Cassels. Karin mentioned it at a Cohasset party later that month, and Janet Walsmith decided to do something about it.

The food drive Walsmith started has been hosted by a different member of the South Shore community each month since September. In November, the drive provided 35 bins of groceries, clothing, toys, books, and other necessities donated by a force of 30 generous community members.

Contact Walsmith for details on how to contribute: janet.walsmith@comcast.net.

Cooking up an impressive audition: Zander Chase, a seventh-grader at Cohasset Middle School, loves to cook – so much so that he auditioned in November for the TV show Junior Master Chef. At the audition, Chase was given an egg, celery, salt, pepper, and a bowl. And that was it.

"I made a celery omelet," he said. "Which isn't even a thing!" Still, he felt he'd impressed the judges with his plating. After the tasting room, Chase was sent to the "dessert room," where he would have been sure to impress; baking is his specialty. But the "dessert room" was just a fancy name for the interview room.

He didn't get a callback this time, but Chase took it all with a grain of salt. He said that, despite feeling that the process had been a bit "staged," he still walked away feeling encouraged by the supportive and positive environment created by the judges.

Fumbled and saved: The plans for this year's Powderpuff football game were fumbled and nearly fell through when the teachers strike prevented faculty from coordinating the event like they usually do. Luckily, a team of dedicated students was there to run an interception and carry plans through to the end zone.

While the junior and senior girls' teams had been practicing at the

high school's Alumni Field, they were not able to have the game there due to the teacher strike. This was nearly the obstacle to deflate the whole tradition.

Luckily, senior Maggie Seebeck had been working at the Sports Complex and was able to secure their field for the game. Members of the football team stepped up to coach the girls playing their respective positions.

Standing up for the Stellwagen: 2015 was Christine Guinee's last year on the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council. For two years, it was her job as the Youth Primary Board Member to remind people who live, work and play around the ocean that they're not the only fish in the sea.

Half of Guinee's job was to bring a high school student's perspective to the Council. The other half was to bring the Council's perspective to high schoolers – because if they don't know about the Stellwagen, then how can they protect it?

The Stellwagen Bank is an underwater plateau at the mouth of Massachusetts Bay. For centuries, the relatively shallow waters of the Stellwagen have provided copious quantities of groundfish such as cod, haddock and flounder to the fishers of New England. The bank is also a major destination for marine mammals, making it one of the best places to go whale-watching in the world.

"It's not something you can protect easily, because the waters all flow together," Guinee said. "Something you do off the coast of Cohasset affects the Stellwagen."

Budding entrepreneurs: In 2015, eight of the 38 vendors at the farmers market were children or teens – though they handled themselves like adults. They were expected to pay the table fee, show up on time and set up their own tables, and attend weekly vendor meetings.

The Humphrey siblings returned for a sixth year in business with their popular "bounce-back balloons." Piper and Taryn Crotty returned for a third year selling hand-made flower headbands. Ayla Duncanson was back for a second summer selling Rainbow Loom bracelets and necklaces.

For the first time, the market welcomed Evelyn Dickey and her hand-sewn pillows and phone cases. Maike Calvin introduced her hand-painted, custom Keds sneakers alongside friend Diana Barzey, who made para-cord bracelets for survival situations.

Origami guru Jack Madden peddled his wares for the first time, offering a dozen varieties of paper airplanes. Abby Nestle launched a Rainbow Loom craft table to benefit Scituate Animal Shelter. And Gracie's Doghouse introduced fashion bandanas for dogs.

"We're happy to be able to provide the venue for kids," said coordinator Michelle Hubley. "Paper routes are gone by the wayside. This gives kids a way to make a little money, hone their craft, and learn cause and effect. It teaches them responsibility of money and how to manage a product."

WHAT'S AHEAD

Looking forward and planning for 2016

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Master Plan: What will Cohasset look like in five years? In 10? In 50? Officials are starting to ask these questions as the planning board and others look toward updating the town's Master Plan. Cohasset isn't the same place as when the last Master Plan was developed in 2004.

A Master Plan documents the community's goals in areas like business district development, housing diversity, and open space. It enables town leaders to manage growth and change, provide orderly and predictable development, and protect environmental resources. At the same time, it promotes open, democratic planning and provides guidance to landowners, developers, and permitting authorities.

For the next half year or so, the Town will work with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to analyze where Cohasset currently stands. The team will also consider what other towns are doing; many other municipalities are also in this stage of planning and could have valuable ideas to share. The full Master Plan process is projected to take about two years.

10 years in the running for Triathlon: Streamline Events has scheduled next year's Triathlon for Sunday, June 26th. But this won't be just another Cohasset Tri. It'll be the 10th annual Cohasset Tri, and race director Bill Burnett said it's going to be bigger than ever.

The Tri draws about a thousand athletes each year, 40 percent of whom have never been to Cohasset before. This boosts the local economy while creating a sense of community in town during race weekend. Residents line the course to cheer, even though so many of the athletes are strangers. Some stood their ground even during the wind and rain of last year's race.

This year, the capacity was increased to 1,200 people with the approval of the town's emergency response teams. Even with the increased capacity, the race has already sold out.

Cohasset Road Race by the Sea turns 40: For 40 years Cohasset has been home to one of the most scenic 6.2 mile road race courses in New England sponsored by the Cohasset Rotary Club. For more than 70 years Cohasset Rotary has contributed thousands of hours of community service, more than \$500,000 in scholarships, supported Fr. Bill's Place, renovation of the Boy Scout Camp Squanto, and humanitarian projects around the world. For sponsorships and volunteer opportunities for the April 3 race, email: roadracebythesea@gmail.com

Still reflecting on plans for Reflections: Developer Chris McKenna has spent 2015 working on a plan for the lot at 808 Jerusalem Road, the former site of Reflections antique shop. Reflections burned down in February 2014.

The lot is small and difficult to work with due to its proximity to a busy street corner. Concerns continue to arise regarding the building's setback, sightlines for ingress and egress, the number, size, and accessibility of parking spaces, and appearance to neighbors.

So far, McKenna has been unable to come up with a plan that satisfies the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board, the Design Review Committee, and the neighbors, but he will continue to try in 2016. According to planning board chairman Clark Brewer, he's getting close.

Tide turning for former Great Neck Grille? Drivers in the Dunkin' Donuts drive-through are starting to see some activity next door at the restaurant that used to be the Great Neck Grille – and before that, Constantine's – and

before that, Acapulco's – all the way back to Koko Island in the 1990s.

Anthony Ambrose has had his eye on the spot for six years. He spoke with selectmen in October, describing a family eatery that would serve everything from seafood to handmade pasta to cured and aged meats to smokehouse items to sushi.

Ambrose told the board he hoped to open the "Tide Tavern" in November, but so far the restaurant still seems to be in progress. Cohasset will just have to wait until 2016 to taste the foie gras, chicken parm, and single-malt scotches he described.

Affordable housing: Outside of the senior housing on Elm Street and the Avalon complex, the most town currently has to offer for affordable housing is a couple of "moderate income affordable" apartments downstairs in the historic Pratt Building.

But there have been rumblings, and officials may soon be taking action to change that with the resurrection of the Affordable Housing Trust, a committee whose mission is to explore opportunities and, potentially, hold or acquire land for the purpose of developing affordable housing.

"Where we see the most need is low-income family housing," said Taffy Nothnagle, president of the housing authority. "The young people who are public servants – teachers, police, firemen, veterans – there's just not a lot of housing stock they can get into in this town."

In October, the selectmen reviewed half a dozen applications for the Affordable Housing Trust but did not make any decisions or appointments. First, the town must weigh its priorities and shape the mission of the trust. Other town committees will need to weigh in: capital budget, planning board, advisory board, and (of course) the housing authority and CPC.

YEAR IN REVIEW

How Cohasset made a difference

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Running for fish: Cohasset alumna Lauren Mack (class of 2009) ran her first marathon this year in support of the New England Aquarium. Mack admitted she was never much of an athlete growing up, but she had interned at the aquarium and continued to work there on a volunteer basis, and she loved it so much that she wanted to give the museum more than just her time. Mack raised over \$5,000 in donations.

Apple Distinguished Educator: Deer Hill teacher Mike Lewis was recognized by Apple as a "Distinguished Educator" for his work with the fifth-grade students in his classroom. Lewis isn't just teaching kids new vocabulary words or how to write well; he's teaching them to be thoughtful and collaborative citizens of the classroom.

As an Apple Distinguished Educator, Lewis will have opportunities to collaborate with forward thinking educators from all over the world. These educators are not just award-winning teachers; they are a community, a global classroom dedicated to solving the educational challenges of today and tomorrow.

Untangling the mysteries of Alzheimer's: Dr. Rudy Tanzi's "brain in a dish" model shed light on some of the mysteries of Alzheimer's Disease and earned him a place among the TIME 100. The model shows how Alzheimer's develops from brain plaques and will help Tanzi as he works toward a treatment for the disease.

By understanding where Alzheimer's begins, researchers can begin to target the disease long before symptoms begin to show. Early detection and early treatment could prevent Alzheimer's

from ever rearing its head, even – or especially – in individuals with a strong family history of the disease.

Until now, research had been at a bit of a standstill, since no one had been able to replicate the pathology in mice, let alone develop a treatment for it. Tanzi, a 30-year veteran of the field, said he hadn't seen a more prolific year for discoveries in two decades.

One foot in front of the other: Local shoe company OOfos really went the distance this year. Duncan Finigan, brand leader, and Lou Panaccione, one of the company's co-founders, participated in the Pan Mass Challenge in July. The challenge supports cancer research through Dana Farber.

Though OOfos has made it a point to give to charity since its 2012 inception, Dana Farber is especially near and dear to the company's heart: Finigan was diagnosed in fall 2014 with stage four breast cancer and received care through Dana Farber.

Finigan and Panaccione completed the challenge on Elliptigos, which are stand-up bikes that look like mobile versions of an elliptical machine. Racing alongside them on regular bikes were Finigan's husband, Terry, and youngest son, Will.

Fire Department hoses down two-alarm blaze: The Fire Department responded to a two-alarm blaze on Tower Lane on Sept. 24th. It took two hours, five fire departments and nearly 30 firefighters to douse the fire, which broke out on the second floor and later spread to the third floor and attic.

Reinforcements came from Hingham, Hull, Scituate and Norwell. Hanover covered fire headquarters while the units were operating. Support was also provided by the Pembroke

Fire Air Supply Unit and the Department of Fire Services Rehab Unit, which allows members to take short breaks during the course of the call to rest and rehydrate.

The home suffered around \$500,000 in damage, but the fire did not spread to any nearby structures or vegetation, and no one was seriously hurt: a victory for Cohasset Fire, and for all who arrived to help.

Stop. Eat. Help.: Corner Stop owner Rudy Vale won a major victory when she overcame breast cancer this year, but in some ways, the even bigger victory was the good she was able to do for others by sharing her story in the Mariner in October.

With husband and Corner Stop co-owner Ron Vale, Rudy committed to donating 10 percent of the restaurant's October revenue to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. The couple contributed over \$20,000 to the cause thanks to the generosity and support of their community.

These books are dedicated...: The Deer Hill Library has a new name: "The Marjorie Murphy Library Media Center." The new name memorializes the longtime, well-loved librarian who passed away this year.

Supporters of the name change recalled how Murphy had had the seemingly-magical ability to pair any student with the perfect book, even reluctant readers. She had helped bring faculty closer together by offering the library as a gathering space during morning recesses.

After her retirement, Murphy continued to share her love of reading among the senior citizens of town, and even planned a joint poetry slam for the seniors and children to share.

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Big year for Cohasset projects

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CEMETERIES' BID FOR NATIONAL REGISTER IS ALIVE AND WELL: What started as a campaign to list Cedar St. Cemetery on the National Register of Historic Places has ballooned into a much larger initiative that now includes three of Cohasset's burial sites – Cedar St., Beechwood Cemetery, and Green Gate Cemetery.

Beechwood Cemetery, second in age only to Central Cemetery (which is already on the Register), could be the final resting place of World War II, Revolutionary and Civil War heroes as well as participants in the Boston Tea Party. A full inventory process will reveal more.

However, the iconography and artwork contained in the cemeteries may be reason enough to list them. If the cemeteries make it onto the National Register, the town will become eligible for grant money to restore headstones, which are considered folk art, to their full and original beauty.

The listing process can take up to a year or two. Look for an update in 2016!

ALL ABOARD AT SAILING CLUB: The new sailing club saw completion this summer, much to the relief of sailing instructors who had been packed sardine-style into the damp old boathouse to teach lessons. Senior Instructor Steven Iantosca noticed early on that his students were more attentive now that they had personal space.

The club has bells and whistles galore, much to the delight of students. But even for the wide-eyed kids, the large stone fireplace, fancy roof deck, garage doors, and expanded sail shack seemed to play second fiddle to the most important improvement of all: new benches. "I don't get as many splinters," remarked one student, while another added, "It's very clean and doesn't smell so bad." Priorities.

REVISED FLOOD MAPS COULD HOLD WATER: The town voted in May to pursue reanalysis of FEMA's 2012 maps after noticing the maps were inaccurate – sometimes subtly, and sometimes wildly so. The maps showed the iconic Atlantica restaurant under 22 feet of water in the event of a 100-year storm. Individuals and businesses alike suffered vast flood insurance



The new Cohasset Sailing Club clubhouse saw completion last summer. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO

hikes, including many who had never needed flood insurance before.

GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. reassessed the maps, comparing FEMA's projections to actual measurements taken during the Blizzard of '78 – widely accepted as the region's 100-year storm. They also went over Cohasset's unique coastline with a finer-toothed comb. GZA was able to reduce base flood elevations in several areas and remove several structures, including Atlantica, from unrealistic velocity zones. The town is now prepared to request a letter of map amendment (LOMA) from FEMA, but nothing actually changes unless FEMA approves the new maps.

A WHOLE NEW OUR WORLD: The old "Our World" museum is a whole new world now that Cohasset Recreation has taken over. The Rec staff has been enjoying the spacious new office since late October. Before, most of them shared a large conference table for a work surface. Now there are enough desks to go around – plus the conference table, named in honor of Jack Worley, who established the Rec department.

Yoga and Tai Chi classes began using the large upstairs room in the fall as a preferable alternative to the cold, hard concrete floors of their old meeting

spaces. Over the summer, Rec's youngest day-campers enjoyed the use of the museum and playground, which gave them their own separate little world from the chaos and energy of the older kids. Special Town Meeting allocated up to \$30,000 for renovations to the Rec center. This will cover carpet work and paint upstairs. Carroll intends to install a small stage, which will also benefit the library as it continues to use the upstairs room for Sunday Author Talks and children's programming.

NEW NEIGHBORS IN THE VILLAGE: Developer Andrew Groman partnered with town boards and officials, local builder and brother-in-law Sean Richard, and Tiriyaki Architects to imagine a new mixed-use commercial/residential building at 1-3 Brook Street, former site of the Village Butcher and Deli. Construction began in November.

At 9,300 square feet, the new building will include three residential units on the second and third floors. These units will be high-end luxury condos with two bedrooms and two and a half baths. Richard and Groman imagine they will appeal to empty-nesters who are looking to downsize.

The first floor will comprise one large or two smaller commercial units, whose tenants are still

TBA – but Richard has high hopes. "It's in a good location," he said. "There's a lot of possibility there for someone who wants to take advantage of it."

The building should be complete by November 2016.

A HOME FOR THE HOMES: After six years of delays, developer Mike Roberts finally got the go-ahead to start working on the Homes at Cohasset Village, located at 8 James Lane (by JJ's Junction). To get to "yes," though, Roberts had to mitigate several issues raised by the planning board and water department.

Roberts and partners agreed to loop the eight-inch water main to the connection in front of the well field entrance on James Lane; this improves turnover and reduces stagnation. They will not perform any blasting of ledge, which could threaten the fragile James Brook culvert; only chipping is allowed, and they must provide a pre- and post-construction video of the nearby culvert. What really laid the foundation for the Homes was a change of wording in a zoning bylaw that was approved by voters at Annual Town Meeting in May. Previously, the bylaw was unclear as to whether non-residential areas of a home – the garage, basement, and attic – should be included in the gross square

footage of the unit.

Roberts said his efforts in Milton have provided exactly the kind of rejuvenation Cohasset is looking for in its village business district. He said that businesses can't survive without an "economic engine" of people to support them, and developments like this one could be the handhold Cohasset Village needs to not just stay afloat, but to thrive.

DREDGING DRAGGING: The Army Corps is working to reestablish the Cohasset Harbor channel at 90 feet wide by nine feet deep. Dredging was slated to take place in the fall of 2014, but it took a back seat to more pressing projects brought about in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

The window of opportunity for dredging closes at the end of January. Tim Dugan from the Army Corps said he believed the project could be completed within that time frame, even after weather-related delays drove back the project start-date in October, and further delays struck in December.

The contractor found that clogs were forming in the pipeline between the Harbor and Sandy Beach, where the excess sand is being deposited. Excess pipeline links have been removed, and the Army Corps has brought in a more powerful booster pump to get the project back on track. The harbor was

last dredged more than 15 years ago, and the buildup of sediment was interfering with the livelihood of Cohasset's hardworking fishermen.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY: The Town received notice on Dec. 22nd that the Department of Energy Resources had approved its "Green Communities" application and would be providing a grant of \$141,460, contingent on additional paperwork from the Town declaring what the grant would be used for.

AEC has been taking an aggressive stance on reducing energy usage in town, starting with the "low-hanging fruit" of electrical savings. In 2015, it facilitated LED lighting retrofits at the police and fire stations and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, including the Rec Department area downstairs.

It also had new variable frequency drives installed at each of Cohasset's schools. The old drives required a massive in-rush of energy to start, and once they were on, they ran at 100% until someone turned them off. VFDs can start up slowly or run at a reduced speed when energy demands are low.

The Green Communities grant funding will be used to continue this work by retrofitting municipal streetlights with more efficient LED bulbs.

GOT GAS?: National Grid replaced 2,400 linear feet of aging, 2-inch steel gas mains with new 4-inch plastic ones. The project spanned the whole village area: Ripley Road, Depot Court, South Main Street, Jason Road, Elm Street, Brook Street, and even a little bit of North Main Street near the Community Center. Construction also took place in the municipal parking lot.

The old mains had been in place since 1928 and were long overdue for replacement, with a history of small leaks. The new gas mains are projected to last more than 50 years, so it should be a long time before this sort of construction happens again. National Grid hopes to tackle Sohler Street next year.

Construction trenches have been backfilled for now. This patch job will remain throughout the winter as materials settle. National Grid agreed to provide curb-to-curb restoration in spring, including crosswalk restoration.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Cohasset's top five stories of 2015

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POLICE CHIEF APPOINTED: Acting Police Chief Bill Quigley was finally able to hang up the "Acting" part of his title when he was appointed permanent Chief of Police in August.

When Quigley first became Acting Chief in 2012, the Town was operating under an interim Town Manager and officials didn't feel it was appropriate to make a permanent appointment at that time. Under the new leadership of Town Manager Chris Senior, a nation-wide search was launched last winter, and Quigley placed among three finalists.

While all three finalists were qualified, Quigley's history and rapport with the department and the town won out in the end, and the board of selectmen supported Senior's appointment of Quigley by a vote of 4-1.

TEACHERS DEMAND BETTER WAGES: The

school committee and teachers were unable to settle a new contract in time for the 2015-16 school year, a disagreement that carried into the fall and eventually drove the parties to seek third-party mediation due to impasse.

Teachers asked for better pay that would put Cohasset's school system on par with those of neighboring towns. When the school committee was unable to offer a better contract – and that includes not just base salary, but raises and other factors – teachers entered a work-to-rule scenario. This affected college prep and applications for seniors as well as before- and after-school help for all grade levels.

Teachers ceased their work-to-rule actions in late November, at which time the school committee reported that an agreement could be imminent. If all goes well, teachers could be looking at a new contract early in the new year. Meanwhile, they'll continue to work under last year's contract while this one gets

hammered out.

COHASSET FIGHTS BACK AGAINST DRUG CRISIS: The Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition started to gain some traction this year. Spearheaded by Marita Carpenter and Christine Murphy, the coalition aims to educate parents and the community about teen substance abuse in time to stop more teens from getting involved with dangerous and illegal drugs.

A "Communities that Care" survey conducted in March drove home the hard truth: substance abuse is happening amongst Cohasset teens, just as it is happening amongst teens in neighboring towns. It's a problem that can't just be ignored until it goes away, and simply arresting kids who are caught with illegal substances won't solve anything, either.

Safe Harbor started by holding an interactive community presentation at Willcutt Commons in October. Since then, the coalition has paid visits to

other groups and organizations in town, growing its base of support and awareness. In addition, it has been working closely with police and school officials, as well as a select group of high school students, to reach the youth of Cohasset.

ELDER AFFAIRS MOVES IN TO WILLCUTT COMMONS – FINALLY: The Town purchased the new Willcutt Commons building at 91 Sohler Street. Though the Social Service League originally intended to gift the building for use as a senior center, construction forced it to borrow money against future contributions, and the building could not be gifted as long as it had a mortgage. The Town had a choice: to lease space in the building until it could be gifted, or to purchase it outright.

Annual Town Meeting empowered the Town to purchase Willcutt Commons, but even the purchase wasn't cut-and-dry. The building came with a usage restriction: it



Chief Bill Quigley stands by a cruiser at the station. Bill was named police chief in August. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN

must always be available to seniors, first and foremost. Officials were loath to ink a contract that might leave their hands tied 50 years down the road if the building were ever needed for another purpose.

This delayed the purchase and sale agreement for several months. Finally, on Nov. 13th, the parties shook hands and Elder Affairs officially moved in.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: In July, Cohasset bid a sad and too-soon farewell to Tom "Wiggy" Wigmore: originator of the town's Memorial Day Healing Fields, the Mariner's 2015 Citizen of the Year, and daily light to the community's veterans and their

families. He was only 51.

Wigmore was diagnosed in December 2014 with an aggressive form of brain cancer. He enjoyed one last Memorial Day – his favorite holiday – with family, friends, and the neighbors he thought of as family and friends, all of whom rallied around wearing their "Wiggy Strong" t-shirts and bracelets. With the help of his wife, Dee Wigmore, who pushed his wheelchair, Tom even got to take part in the parade that day.

The cancer ended his life on the dawn of the Fourth of July, but his spirit will live on in the parade and in the Healing Fields and in the hearts of his community. A memorial to Wigmore is in the works.

OPINION

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OUR VIEW

The Old Man and the Kid

Cold and frightened, The Kid pounded his little fists on the door. "Let me in! Let me in!" he screamed through thick, heavy sobs.

He knew The Old Man was in there; he had seen him through the window. The Old Man was sitting at his desk, large journals at his side and all around, silently writing. He looked forlorn, like someone who had seen all he wanted to see and more than he could have imagined.

"He has to know I'm out here," The Kid thought. "I know I'm small, but he has to know."

The Kid's journey had already been a harrowing one. Everywhere he turned, there were loud banging noises and people who looked sort of like big Kids falling over and not moving. Sometimes it was other people holding whatever it was making the banging sounds; other times the banging came out of nowhere.

As he continued to walk to the house, The Kid saw people crying, and it seemed to have something to do with all the banging noises he had heard. And it never seemed to stop — there would be a banging noise, people would fall over and then other people would cry.

When he didn't hear the banging noises and the crying, it seemed like all he heard was arguing and yelling. From what he could tell, they sometimes argued over whether they could make the banging noises stop, and The Kid wondered, "Why are they arguing over that? Please make it stop." He also heard this word — "Muslims" — that seemed to make lots of people angry.

The Kid didn't really know what any of this actually meant — he figured he would learn when he got to the house — but he knew it scared him, so he did what any Kid would do when he was scared.

He started crying.

And he ran as fast as he possibly could toward the house, hoping he could

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get in and be safe from all that scared him.

The Old Man did hear The Kid outside — the pounding, the screaming, the crying, all of it — and he knew why it was happening.

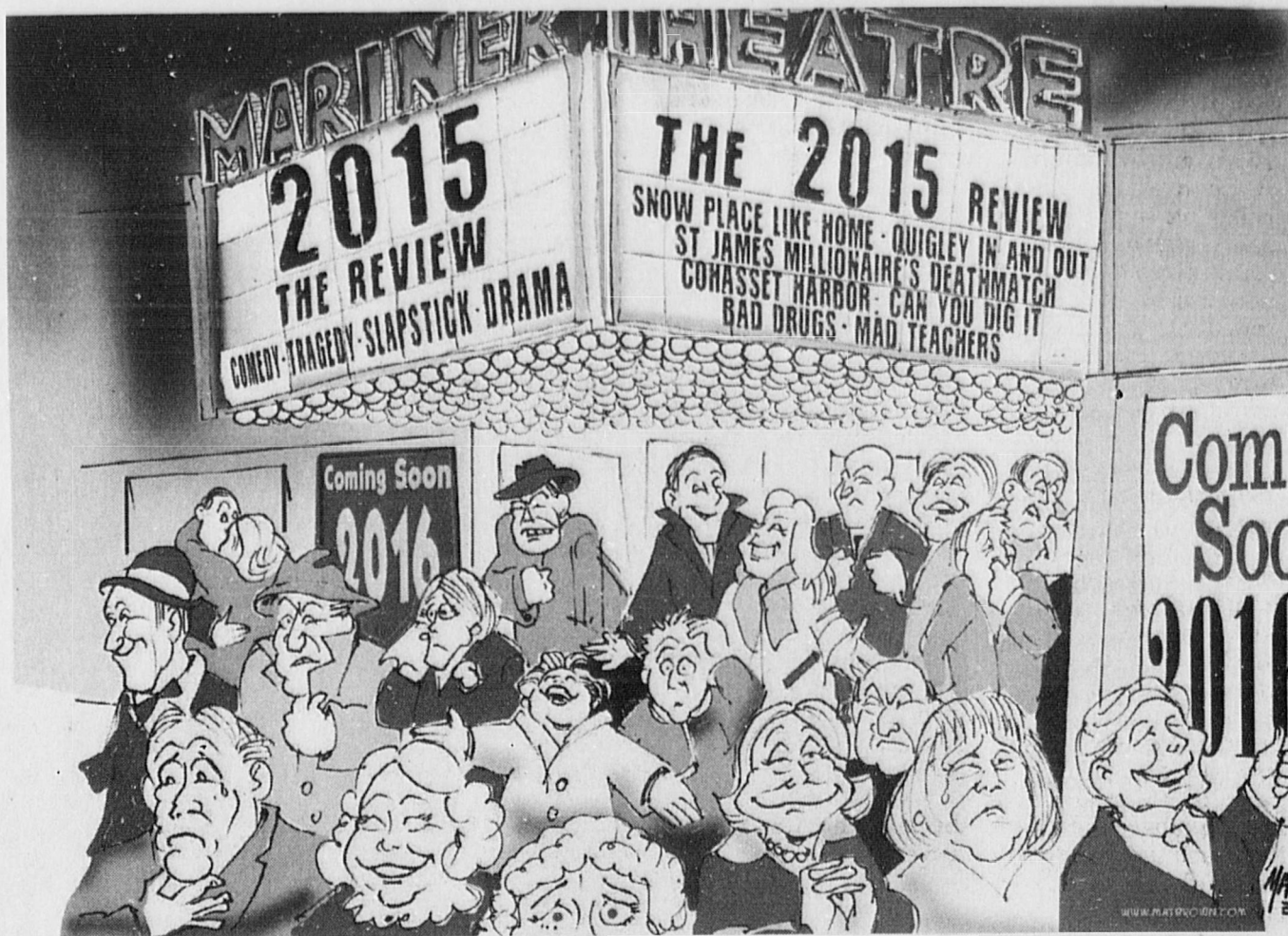
But he couldn't let him in. It wasn't his time yet, but The Kid wouldn't know that. Soon enough, the door would open for The Kid to come in, and The Old Man would quietly leave out the back, as had happened when he arrived a year before.

What he knew, and what The Kid didn't know, was that what The Kid was experiencing was nothing new. He had also been frightened on his journey as a Kid himself. He also didn't understand why. And when he arrived, there was no Old Man to help him, only a series of journals.

It was there that The Old Man, then just a Kid himself, learned about hatred, and the things it made people do. He read the increased sadness and desperation of the Old Man who came before him... and the one before him... and before him.

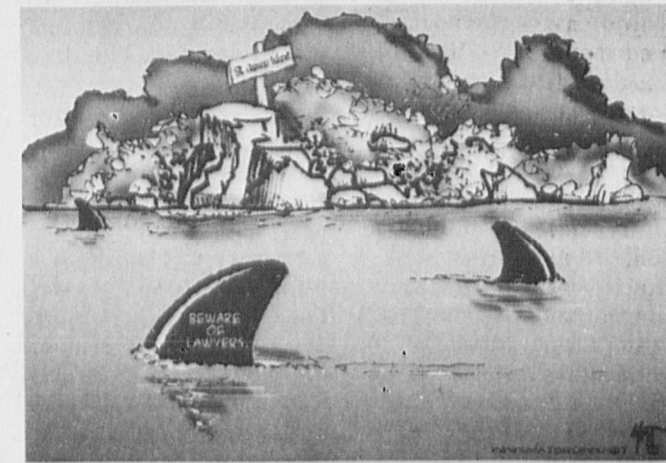
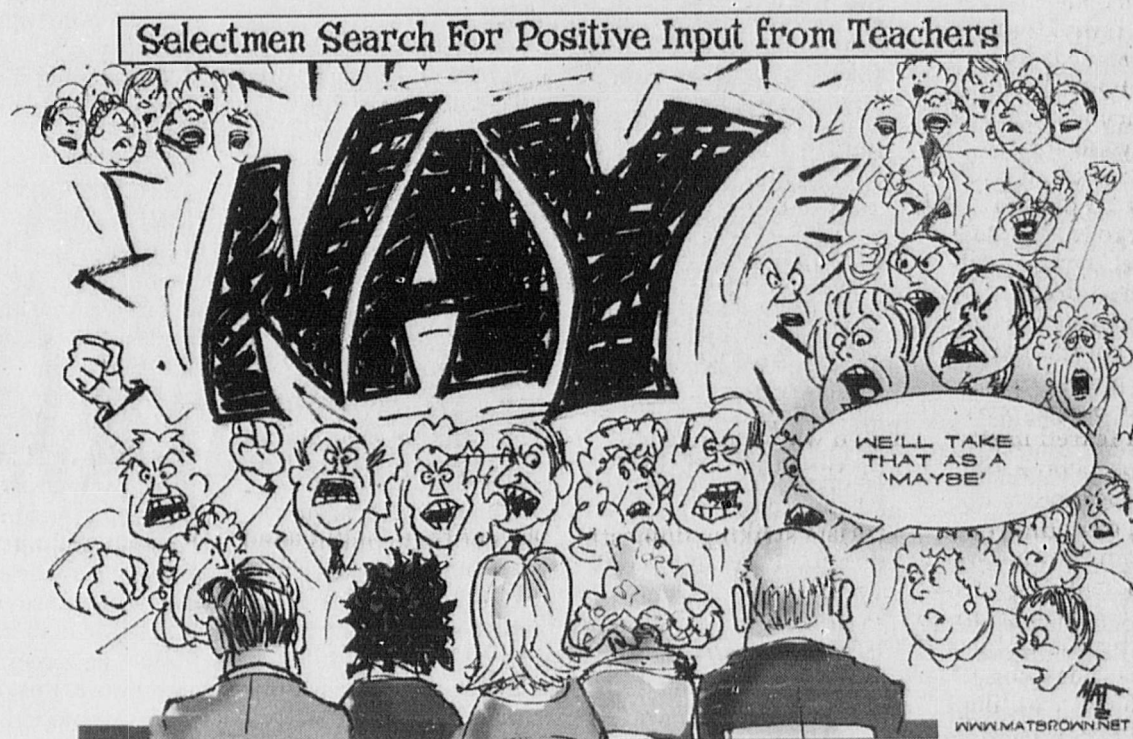
It hadn't gotten any better over the past year. If anything, it seemed like it had gotten worse. But as the one before him did, The Old Man tried to share the good people could do in his journals, hoping the next year would turn out better for The Kid, who was still pounding on the door and yelling as loud as he could.

But he wasn't all that optimistic.



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Some favorite Mat Brown cartoons



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CHANGING LANES

2016: A new year for America

The consensus from media outlets seems to be that 2015 has been a bad year. This past week, year in review programs have catalogued horrific events by month. If America possesses a collective soul, that soul is in a very bad mood.

I think about the sort of optimism that pervaded the eighties. Who can forget the elation of hearing "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" and then seeing Europeans demolishing the Berlin wall, chunk by colorful chunk?

Thirty years ago, terrorist acts and suicide bombings were things that happened in places like Beirut or obscure embassies that most Americans didn't know existed. Nobody but a few scientists (likely parents of teenage girls) lost sleep over the idea that excessive hairspray use might destroy life on planet earth.

America was cheerfully full of itself. It's safe to say that America was in the sort of good mood an attractive college graduate might feel after landing a promising job. Continued success on both an individual and collective level seemed to be inevitable.

America feared very little beyond the devil in rock and roll lyrics as Tipper Gore led the charge to regulate "immoral" lyrics. Children were taught to fear kidnappers in vans and thought computers were only for nerds. Interestingly, the boogymen America feared most were those who could steal innocence.

Today, our children grow up in the shadow of two giant buildings that crumpled from within after being struck by airplanes. They don't know what it was like to breathlessly arrive at the airport five minutes before takeoff and gleefully slide into an empty row. Having been conditioned to accept safety restraints in cars from birth, my children stare at me bug eyed when I mention that nobody wore seat belts in the way back of station wagons.

Parents wearily recognize that even if they've dutifully installed ever more powerful versions of net nanny, chances are that their children have probably been exposed to pornography or violent images of live executions (even if only accidentally).

Instead of considering school a safe place, we worry that our child will be the victim of a mass shooting. Flash points of fear too numerous to count threaten to hijack our nation's long history of protecting individual freedoms. It's difficult to overstate the unanticipated changes



KATHERINE BENNETT

in the American psyche that fears born on 9/11 spawned.

Before, we were a nation that considered itself untouchable as our foreign policy seemed to be the natural extension of manifest destiny. Today, public consciousness seesaws between bracing for the next hit and deliberately loosening itself in modern day morality plays where public figures are worshipped and vilified in "news" that has morphed into entertainment.

It's safe to say we have lost our collective innocence.

We are all on edge because the American psyche doesn't know what to do with this new feeling of vulnerability. The United States spent over 200 years as a global rising star before existing for just over a decade as the lone superpower of the world. Our forefathers accepted hardship and loss as the necessary price for forging a new nation. We were a nation climbing to the top of the metaphorical heap. This is the first point in history that a measurable drop in well being has occurred for American citizens.

9/11 was the first major reality check post WWII America has been forced to face. Vietnam, while devastating in its own way, was located on the other side of the world. Today we fear terrorists striking domestic targets. Economically, a wealth gap widens as unskilled workers struggle unsuccessfully to make a comfortable living.

At the same time, the widespread availability of the internet has transformed the way the world does business. America's economic realities are too intertwined with the global marketplace to adopt a strict isolationist stance to protect ourselves from threats beyond our borders.

Our current national pessimism might just be related to the fact we keep empowering politicians we don't trust to take immediate action to put the world right again via military might. Perhaps after killing terrorists they can lasso "American" jobs and bring them home. Why? Because wishful thinking makes people long for heroes who can make us feel safe again.

Angrily demanding political solutions to being at the mercy of a global economy has been one way of dealing with this frustration. This has led to accepting more

legislative restrictions on personal freedom than our founding fathers would likely be comfortable with. We cede personal power to politicians in the name of feeling safer as we look to mass media to give us a narrative that will make Americans feel better.

Here's the painful reality: there is no narrative or unilateral political action that can make Americans safe from terrorist acts. Politicians and other talking heads might be able to stir our emotions, but none have the ability to restore a birthright that entitles us to personal safety and ever increasing prosperity. Why? Because that birthright was an illusion.

Calling 2015 a terrible year because our collective sense of vulnerability grew obscures an important silver lining: Today, America more clearly understands human suffering in a way that can help us become a better member of the global community. If we can avoid the temptation of self protective rage as a knee-jerk response to feeling vulnerable, we might just stumble through the door to more effective collaboration with the rest of the world.

Perhaps the legacy of 2015 is that the majority of Americans will be more open to alternative strategies for relating to the rest of the world once the cocky sense of might makes right has been fully exposed as magical thinking that makes for lousy foreign policy. After all, most adults accept that complicated conflicts are never solved by one party relentlessly demanding its own way.

So here's the hope in all of this: Our nation's loss of this faulty narrative is an important step towards the sort of wisdom that can only be born from humility. Our nation is feeling the sting of being humbled by global realities. We are vulnerable, but we are not broken.

America's greatness was never rooted in a feel good sense of our own invincibility. Rather, it has come to each generation that faces adversity head on by mindfully adapting to an ever changing world. Courage is called for as we begin 2016.

May America always be home of the brave.

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VIEW FROM THE FRONT PORCH

A glance back and a look forward

Well that's it, 2015 is over and 2016 is ready to go.

But before we close the history books and kick off 2016, let's look back at a few 2015 moments from 'The Porch' and anticipate what we might see in the New Year.

The year kicked off with 'The Porch's' 50th column and we're wrapping it up with the 87th submittal. This means that unless the bosses at the Mariner vote to suspend my op-ed license, the paper will be throwing a 100th column party sometime this year. Rumor has it there will be a very impressive list of dignitaries and celebrities on the guest list; stay tuned.

2015

■ Any and all conversations regarding 2015 in Cohasset should start and end with two simple words - Wiggy Strong. While tremendously heartbreaking, the loss of Cohasset's Citizen of the Year, Tom Wigmore, helped demonstrate everything wonderful in a town. The way that many in the community rallied to support Tom and Deidre through their difficult ordeal was incredibly impressive and touching. Here's hoping that Wiggy Strong wasn't just a moment, rather a building block of community involvement, especially around Memorial Day.

■ The Pantry Palooza was a labor of love for yours truly. No less than seven columns were dedicated to an effort to help support the Cohasset Food Pantry. Asides from the vast quantity of food donated, and the wonderful support from so many; the highlight of the experience was the hard work some of the students put into the effort, especially Ashley Curran.

■ Shoveling was a major hassle for everyone, but it turns out that moving all that snow wasn't all bad. A 'call to shovels' by the Cohasset Police Department encouraging kids to dig out fire hydrants was a huge success. Another example of why our little cozy hamlet by the sea is so great.

■ Speaking of the Cohasset Police Department, 'The Porch' strongly supported the naming of William Quigley as Cohasset's Police Chief. The process was tedious and expensive, probably far more so that it should have been. The end result however, was correct and the town is better off for it. A fall out of the Police Chief search was Selectman Karen Quigley's abrupt resignation from the Board. Sadly, Karen's quitting was not the only major change with our elected officials. School Board Chairman Paul Ognibene also abruptly stepped down when it was revealed that his corporate hiring practices left a little to be desired.

■ Cohasset's School Board has had a tough year. Aside from the unexpected change in members, the Board has been in a prolonged negotiation with Cohasset's teachers regarding a new contract. Cohasset should be striving to have a top 10 school system and should be investing accordingly. Frustratingly, one of the fallouts of this prolonged negotiation has been the reduction of teacher involvement above and beyond what their existing contract stipulates. The dispute resulted in teachers not participating in this year's CEF spelling bee. Their loss was my



JOHN MCSHEFFREY

gain when I was asked to be a judge. The event was incredible fun, and I am so proud of myself for showing restraint by not giving out hints or jumping on stage to high-five all the kids for being super amazing.

■ Restraint is something that isn't too common here on 'The Porch'. Over the past year there have been columns directly addressing not-so pleasant issues impacting Cohasset such as bullying, head injuries associated with football and the use of racial slurs by kids and adults alike. It wasn't all serious though, with the 2nd annual Best of Worst of awards, and a few pieces from the heart including columns about my last coaching stint and believing in Santa.

■ Finally in wrapping up 2015, I'd just like to thank the folks on Beechwood near the corner of King Street for their wonderful Christmas lights. It's quite obvious it's a labor of love and I am quite confident that it's appreciated by kids young and old.

Looking forward

There will be a big change at 'The Porch' in 2016, with the introduction of the newly formed but highly secretive Front Porch Editorial Committee, hereby known as 'The Committee'. 'The Committee' will be responsible for all future columns that you may deem distasteful, uncomfortable, a bit too edgy or simply not funny. Future pieces that are considered thought provoking, intelligent, relevant and clever will be the ones that I developed without the assistance of 'The Committee'. All forms of constructive criticism should be now addressed to the Front Porch Editorial Committee. Any kind comments or compliments can be addressed to yours truly.

(PSSST, The Next Six Points Should Be Considered Important To You)

■ There are a few significant issues on the horizon that should garner the attention of all of us, including the town elections this spring. Cohasset has some brilliantly intelligent mothers with children in school, and the town would greatly benefit if some stepped forward to run for Selectmen. As the Board is presently constituted, it's leaning quite heavily in the direction of men without school-aged children (w/ Paul Schumer being the only member on the Board with a child remaining in Cohasset's schools.). The inverse can be said regarding fathers and the School Board which will also be holding elections.

Wicked intelligent and caring parents, you cannot complain about the direction of the town if you are not involved. Right now there's a significant void of representation of people whose children are in the prime years in Cohasset's schools, and there are some crucial decisions to be made in the near future that will directly impact your families.

■ Finalizing the contract with the teachers sooner than later is a must. Once completed, our teachers should be some of the best compensated teachers in the state. It's then time for the entire school system to step up and aggressively

take the needed steps to become a top ten school system. I wish there was a way to boot those teachers who continue to do the minimum to get by and it's not only me bothered by some educators getting by on the hard work of their peers.

■ If you are not familiar with the term 'Master Plan' you should be. Cohasset has begun the process to redevelop and put into place the plan that will guide the physical growth of the town for the next 10 years. To quote the 11/13 Mariner article, "A master plan documents a town's goals in areas such as housing diversity, open space and business-district development. It is intended to help town leaders manage growth and change, provide orderly and predictable development, and protect environmental resources." There are a lot of ramifications of this plan and you should ensure that you are aware of what is being put forth. Included in this plan should be the need for a new emergency station and a Rt. 3A sidewalk connecting the commuter rail to upper Sohier Street, both address crucial safety concerns.

■ The town and the Town Manager should agree to a contract that will see Chris Senior become a long-term part of our community. I'm sure there will be more 'open letters to Mr. Senior' but count 'The Porch' as a supporter.

■ Pantry Palooza, unfortunately I do not have the bandwidth to lead the Palooza this year. I am hoping some students and teachers will band together to lead a version of the Palooza. I promise columns of support and promotions if someone can lead. Let me know.

■ Perhaps 2016 will be the year that the town has a 'Shop & Dine Cohasset' week to support our great local businesses. I have checked with 'The Committee' and 'The Porch' is ready to back up any effort.

■ Nationally, mass shootings and football head injuries will sadly continue to make the news with little to nothing being done about either. The silly season associated with the Presidential election will settle down once the primaries kick in and a certain candidate hears the words "You're fired".

■ I believe that this is the year that I finally get out to see Minot Light, I'll keep you posted. I also have a great feeling that the folks at the South Shore Music Circus will provide us a lineup that will make the summer a ton of fun.

■ 2016 will see a slowdown in the number of published 'Views', but expect some fun columns regarding parenting, doctors' waiting rooms, a special holiday season near and dear to my heart and the next showdown between Cohasset and Hingham. Also I'm working on an interesting take on why we moved to Cohasset and I am guessing there will be a piece about the huge party that is going to be thrown by the Mariner to honor 'The Porch's' 100th column.

As always, thanks for reading. Happy New Year to you all, and thank you for taking the time to read 'The Porch', it's warmly appreciated. Peace.

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COMMENTARY

Willcutt Commons worth the effort

By Coral S. Grande

As a person who is rarely at a loss for words, I'm not really certain how to accurately convey my appreciation to those who have made it possible for Elder Affairs to finally occupy the exquisite senior center building that was custom designed for us years ago.

I'm sure at some point all the discussions, meetings, and due diligence examination of the plans, studies, budgets and countless revisions will all be a distant memory. However, for now and for a long time to come, every time I open the front door

to 91 Sohier Street - Willcutt Commons - our new home - I am and will continue to be so humbled by the intensity, tenacity, and never-ending grueling work that went into this project - all for the benefit of our elder (and not so elder) residents of Cohasset.

The easy way would have been to quit a long time ago - throw in the towel - to say "this was never supposed to be this hard," but no, a group of people who represent the best in humanity, planted themselves firmly behind this project and never wavered! They believed, to express a cliché, that

"anything that is worth doing, is worth doing right." And so, the result of this steadfast belief of a few, is a showcase - a well-built, exquisite building - now and for years to come - for our community.

So, on behalf of all who have been involved in bringing this building alive, please accept my deepest thanks - and allow me to extend an invitation to you - come to Willcutt Commons - come be part of the best that Cohasset has to offer!

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2016 RESOLUTIONS

Familiar faces look forward

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The following familiar figures shared their New Year's resolutions with the Mariner.

- **Town Manager Chris Senior:** To take better advantage of Cohasset's outdoor opportunities by biking and hiking in Wompatuck State Park.
- **Selectmen Chairman Steve Gaumer:** I don't make New Year's resolutions, because I should be working on those things year-round.
- **Selectman Kevin McCarthy:** During 2016 I am going to listen more than I talk.
- **Selectman Diane Kennedy:** I don't usually make resolutions, but this year I am resolving to 'unplug' for a day each week!
- **Selectman Paul Schubert:** Eat more chocolate chip cookies. An innocent decadence that can be shared with anyone. It puts most people at ease to bring out good ideas.
- **Barbara Cataldo,** Superintendent of Schools: My resolution for 2016 is to give more and find ways to make life better for others.
- **Jeanne Astino,** School Committee Chairman: My wish for 2016 is for peace and healing for friends and family near and far. We often don't know what others are experiencing in their lives and need to be mindful of this. Wishing all a Happy New Year and I personally look forward to 2016 and wish all in our small town the very best!
- **Jennifer deChiara,** Principal of Deer Hill School: My resolution is to read those education books that have been sitting on my desk since September!
- **Shaun Selha,** Alternative Energy Committee Chairman: From a personal perspective, I hope to travel for work less and travel for pleasure more.
- **Russ Bonetti,** Community Preservation Committee Chairman: My New Year's resolution is to break whatever resolution I might make

- within an hour of making it, thereby saving myself lots and lots of time.
- **Susan Sarni,** Director of Public Health: To decrease melanoma rates, decrease teen drinking and drug use and create opportunities to make Cohasset residents healthier.
- **Christine Murphy,** Social Service League and Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition: Experience awe everyday! Live in the moment! Remember to cherish my husband! Demonstrate love and encouragement to my children. Don't sweat the small stuff. Bask in the warmth of my forthcoming grandchild. "Commit" to some form of periodic movement. Make my personal life "the" priority.
- **Don Roine,** 143tv: Now that 91 Willcutt is fully operational, we're committed to training a few good senior citizens to cover events, talks and activities that will be of interest to the community. A more personal goal is to provide healthier snacks for our student volunteers (and myself). Potato chips and Doritos are mighty tasty but they don't supply the necessary nutrients to sustain a heavy day of video editing.
- **Sarah Hannan,** South Shore Art Center Executive Director: My resolution is to visit more art sites and add to my art collection!
- **Dee Wigmore:** To keep Tom's legacy going and to make sure I volunteer more.
- **Rob Hillman:** to convince the scouts who lead Troop 28 to plan a hike that does NOT involve a mountain peak. There is nothing wrong with hiking on level ground.
- **Linda Fechter:** To sell out the 2016 40th anniversary Road Race, and to write one letter a month to a friend using old school techniques pen and paper.
- **Bill Burnett,** Cohasset Triathlon Race Director: Remember to take more time to step back, appreciate life, my family and friends, and the town we call home.
- Cohasset Mariner team:**
 - **Editor Mary Ford:**

- Professionally: To work with my terrific team to ensure the Cohasset Mariner is more vibrant, entertaining and relevant to our readers both in print and online than ever. Personally: To seriously "declutter" my physical spaces: one closet, one desk, one dresser drawer at a time.
- **Reporter Amanda Thompson:** To start each day with five minutes of stretching/breathing/yoga, and to produce at least 500 words per day toward my personal writing projects.
- **Photographer Alyssa Stone:** to slow down and breathe when stressed.
- **Columnist Jen Piepenbrink:** Lose weight, exercise more, and love family and friends the best ways that I know how. Enjoy the things in life that make me smile, challenge me and let me shine with the strengths I have. I also want find a way each day to give back to someone in need. A few minutes to ask how they were, buy a cup of coffee for someone just because, or drop off something at the Food Pantry doesn't have to take a huge amount of time, money or effort. Those are my goals for 2016. And, submit Around Town Cohasset on time :)
- **Columnist John McSheffrey:** I resolve to focus a few columns on issues that I believe are relevant, such as the town elections in the spring, the ongoing push for to improve Cohasset's schools, a new fire/police station, the need for sidewalks connecting the commuter rail station with upper Sohier Street, and the ever important quest for the well-deserved Halloween candy tax credit for the residents of Fair Oaks Lane and Linden Drive who give out full sized candy bars. I also resolve to keep a promise I made last spring to John Covell and write a column about the town's Memorial Day celebration. Lastly, I resolve to continue not to root for the Yankees and to not jump off the Border Street Bridge again this summer.

TOWN ELECTION

What is coming up in government

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It's that time of year. No, not the holidays – it's the time when Cohasset starts gearing up for its next Annual Town Meeting and Election season. The Annual Town Meeting will take place on Monday, May 2nd and elections will take place on Saturday, May 14th. But there's lots to do before then. Already, Town Manager Chris Senior has made available the notice of intent forms for proposed Warrant articles from departments, committees and boards.

The selectmen will open the Warrant on Jan. 12th. Notices of intent must be submitted by Jan. 19th. On Jan. 26th, Town Counsel will hold an open session for citizens petitions, and a preliminary draft Warrant will be made available to the selectmen.

Nomination papers for elected positions will be available starting in February.

There will be two seats on the Board of Selectmen – one vacated prematurely this fall by former Selectman Karen Quigley, and the other belonging to Chairman Steve Gaumer, who said he is still weighing the pros and cons of running for reelection.

The School Committee will have two three-year seats available as Chairman Jeanne Astino and Secretary Mary McGoldrick's terms expire. There will also be a one-year, unexpired term to fill out. This seat was vacated in July by former Chairman Paul Ognibene and is currently filled by member Barbara Stefan.

The Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library will be looking for members to fill four, three-year terms. Two current trustees, Roger Lowe and Elaine Breslow, were appointed to

Positions available for Town Election

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2016 will be available on Monday, Feb. 8, at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to obtain nomination papers will be Thursday, March 24. Last day to submit nomination papers to the Town Clerk for certification is Monday, March 28. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. Please note that you are not running for office until you take out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies your signatures.

- Selectmen for three years (2)
- School Committee for three years (2)
- School Committee for one year to fill an unexpired term (1)
- Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library for three years (4)
- Assessor for three years (1)
- Board of Health for three years (1)
- Cohasset Housing Authority for five years (1)
- Planning Board for five years (1)
- Planning Board Associate Member for three years (1)
- Recreation Commission for five years (1)
- Sewer Commission for three years (1)
- Water Commission for three years (1)

Election Calendar

- Monday, Feb. 8: Nomination papers available
- Thursday, March 24: Last day to obtain nomination papers
- Monday, March 28: Last day to submit nomination papers to Town Clerk
- Tuesday, April 12: Last day to register to vote in Town Meeting and town election (20 days before town meeting)
- Wednesday, April 13: Last day to object or withdraw nomination papers
- Monday, April 25: Last day to post warrant for Town Meeting and town election; (7 days before town meeting)
- Monday, May 2: Annual Town Meeting
- Saturday, May 14: Annual Town Election

fill unexpired terms and will have the opportunity to run for election in the spring. A third unexpired term has not been filled. Trustee Sarah Pease will wrap up her three-year term this spring.

Elsa Miller's three-year term with the Board of Assessors expires, as does Elizabeth Kirkpatrick's three-year term with the Board of Health. Susan Sardina rounds out a five-year term with the Housing Authority.

Planning Board Chairman Clark Brewer's five-year term expires this spring. The board will also be in need of a new associate member as the term expires for Erik Potter, appointed in July to fill a three-year seat vacated prematurely by Brian Frazier.

Maria Osborne's five-year term with the Recreation Commission ends this year, along

with a three-year term for William McGowan, Jr., on the Sewer Commission. Water Commissioner John Steinmetz, appointed after the resignation of Commissioner Daniel Varney in March, also completes a term.

It's too soon to say which of these officials may run for reelection, but as Gaumer said, "the more people and refreshment you can get into town government, the better it is for the town." If you're looking for a New Year's resolution, consider getting involved in Cohasset town government!

Nomination papers must be submitted by March 28th, both for new appointments and for reappointments.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Beacon Hill Roll Call this week examines the voting records of local representatives on Republican Gov. Charlie Baker's 95 vetoes during the 2015 session.

A two-thirds vote is required to override a gubernatorial veto. The number of legislators in the House during 2015 fluctuated based on a number of resignations and special elections. In a full 160-member House, there were 126 Democrats and only 34 Republicans. The governor needed the support of 54 representatives to sustain a veto when all 160 representatives voted – and fewer votes if some members were absent or a seat was vacant.

The House overrode all 95 vetoes including six that were overridden on unanimous votes. The most support Baker received on any veto was 37 votes.

It was mostly GOP members who voted with the Republican governor to sustain the vetoes. The number of times each GOP member supported Baker ranged from a low of 37 times by Rep. David Vieira (R-Falmouth) to a high of 87 times by Rep. James Lyons (R-Andover).

The vetoes had little support among Democrats. Five of the chamber's Democrats voted with Baker to sustain one veto each including Reps. Carole Fiola (D-Fall River); William "Smitty" Pignatelli (D-Lenox); Denise Provost (D-Somerville); Alan Silvia (D-Fall River); and Jonathan Zlotnik (D-Gardner). The remaining Democratic representatives voted to override all 95 vetoes.

PERCENTAGE OF TIMES LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORTED THE GOVERNOR

Here is how local representatives fared in their support of Baker on the 95 budget vetoes. The percentage next to the representative's name represents the percentage of times the representative supported Baker. The number in parentheses represents the actual number of times the representative supported Baker.

Rep. Bruce Ayers	0 percent (0)
Rep. Garrett Bradley	0 percent (0)
Rep. Thomas Calter	0 percent (0)
Rep. James Cantwell	0 percent (0)
Rep. Mark Cusack	0 percent (0)
Rep. Josh Cutler	0 percent (0)
Rep. David DeCoste	77.9 percent (74)
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	64.2 percent (61)
Rep. Geoff Diehl	70.5 percent (67)
Rep. Michelle DuBois	0 percent (0)
Rep. William Galvin	0 percent (0)
Rep. Susan Gifford	80.0 percent (76)
Rep. Generic	0 percent (0)
Rep. Randy Hunt	66.3 percent (63)
Rep. Louis Kafka	0 percent (0)
Rep. Ronald Mariano	0 percent (0)
Rep. Christopher Markey	0 percent (0)
Rep. Matthew Muratore	69.5 percent (66)
Rep. James Murphy	0 percent (0)
Rep. William Straus	0 percent (0)
Rep. Walter Timilty	0 percent (0)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

SEVEN POSSIBLE 2016 BALLOT QUESTIONS CLEAR ANOTHER HURDLE - Supporters of six initiative petitions for state laws and one for a constitutional amendment moved another step closer to getting their question on the 2016 ballot when the state certified that each group had gathered the necessary 64,750 signatures. The six proposals for laws will now be sent to the Legislature and if not approved by May 3, 2016, proponents must gather another 10,792 signatures by July 6, 2016, in order for the question to appear on the 2016 ballot.

The procedure for getting the proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot is different than the one for getting a proposed law on the ballot. The proposal goes before the Legislature and on the 2018 ballot only if approved by 25 percent (50 members) of the 2015-2016 Legislature and the 2017-2018 Legislature.

The proposals for a new law include legalizing, licensing, regulating and taxing marijuana for adults over 21; allowing the state to open up to 12 new charter schools annually; ending Common Core Education Standards; allowing one more slot parlor with 1,250 machines to be built near Suffolk Downs; regulating the payments made to health care providers by any private, non-government health insurance plan for each medical service to no more than 20 percent above or 20 percent below the average price paid to providers by that health plan for that medical service; and prohibiting any farmers from confining any pigs, calves or hens in a way that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs or turning around freely.

The proposed constitutional amendment would allow a graduated income tax and impose an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current 5.15 percent tax, on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million.

SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (H 3654) - The Senate approved a bill that would allow cities and towns to reduce and spread out the annual tax that homeowners pay when they are the beneficiary of a sewer betterment. A special assessment is permitted to be levied by a city or town where property within a limited area receives a special benefit or advantage, other than the general advantage to the community, from the construction of a sewer.

The proposal would increase from the current 20 years to 30 years the time period over which homeowners can spread out their payments. Current state law requires towns to charge 5 percent interest on the unpaid balance of the tax or 2 percent above the rate at which the town borrowed the money for the project. The bill would allow cities and towns to charge less, possibly as little as 0 percent interest.

Supporters said that the bill is a local-control one that would provide the cities and towns in the Commonwealth with options to keep the cost of any sewer betterments as low as possible for the homeowner. They noted communities will have the choice whether or not to opt into the system or remain under current law.

The House has approved a different version of the bill. The Senate version now goes to the House for consideration.

BILLS AWAITING ACTION - Several bills had recent public hearings and are waiting to be acted upon by the Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government including:

TRAINING COURSES FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH AND OTHERS (S 1211) - Requires members of local boards of health, conservation commissions, planning boards and zoning boards of appeals to attend a free state-sponsored program of education and training annually.

Supporters say the training will assist members of local boards and commissions keep up-to-date on issues and also gain a more thorough understanding of state laws as they apply to cities and towns.

Opponents say this is another example of the state interfering with local cities and towns.

EXEMPT FROM PREVAILING WAGE (H 1857) - Allows cities and towns to exempt construction projects costing less than \$50,000 from the prevailing wage law, which establishes minimum wage rates for workers on public construction projects. Prevailing wage laws require that workers on these projects be paid wages that "prevail" in the community where the work is done.

Supporters of the exemption say the prevailing wage law is an unfair pro-union law that prevents smaller non-union companies from submitting low bids for construction work because they are forced to pay their workers more.

Opponents of the exemption argue that the prevailing wage law levels the playing field, protects workers and prevents contractors from bringing in outside, non-union workers who are willing to work for less pay.

UNFUNDED MANDATES (S 1096) - Creates the Commission on Unfunded Mandates on Municipalities to study the effects of mandates that are forced upon cities and towns but are not funded by the state.

Supporters say struggling cities and towns should not be forced to pay for state-mandated programs.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of December 21-25, the House met for a total of 17 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 14 minutes.

YEAR IN PREVIEW

What's in and what's out for 2016

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It's common knowledge that keeping up with trends is a complicated enterprise best left to the experts — without proper training, it's entirely likely you'll strain something trying to figure out if Amy Schumer is really all that, or if you're supposed to take Donald Trump seriously. With that in mind, find a comfortable chair and enjoy our roundup of what's hot and what's not in news, entertainment, lifestyles and life in general.

SOCIETY & POLITICS

In 2015, there's no denying that **outrage** was in. Christians were outraged over Starbucks coffee cups, conservatives were outraged over Planned Parenthood, liberals were outraged over guns, Donald Trump was outraged that the country is still letting in Mexicans and Muslims, and everybody else was outraged at Donald Trump for expressing every twisted unconstitutional idea that pops into his head while showering in his gold-encrusted, pillar-supported shower stall. (And now you're probably outraged at me for conjuring that mental image.)

Amazingly, Trump is still the in **GOP presidential candidate** (thanks Obama!), despite what appears to be his best efforts to get himself thrown out of the race. This means predicted frontrunner Jeb (Jeb!) Bush is pretty much out, although he may come inching back in now that he's cut certain extras out of his campaign, such as the exclamation points. Exclamation points are out.

On the Dem side, populism and pragmatism are duking it out over which gets to be in during this campaign season. **Bernie Sanders** is in with the regular folk, but **Hillary Clinton** is in with establishment Democrats, who usually get their way. But Bernie's got that fighting spirit — he's the "Creed" of the Democratic primaries, except he's white and Jewish. And old, but being old is in.

To paraphrase "The X-Files," which is coming back in, **the truth** is out. Mostly in politics, of course: Politifact.com lists 17 pages (!) of "Pants On Fire" lies from presidential candidates, elected officials and political bloggers, so it seems blazing britches are in. But also, Brian Williams found himself out of his anchor seat after telling tall tales about his war coverage, which is generally frowned upon in journalistic circles. Journalistic circles are out.

Guns — even the high-capacity military-style guns like you used to see in Sylvester Stallone movies — are, alarmingly, still in the hands of basically anybody who wants them. (BTW, Sylvester Stallone is in.) But while a string of mass shootings hasn't prompted us to deal with our gun problems, we have discussed certain tangentially related issues, such as the **Confederate battle flag**, which is now out. Sadly, it took "The Dukes of Hazzard" out with it, although Daisy Duke's shorts are (we have it on good authority) still in.

Being uncomfortable is out, especially on college campuses, which now have "**safe spaces**" where students don't have to deal with anything that might disrupt their previously established worldview. In related news, college students are now, with

rare exceptions, complete wusses. Wusses are in.

Same-sex marriage is in, thanks to the Supreme Court and despite the efforts of certain county clerks spotted standing next to Mike Huckabee. Standing next to Mike Huckabee is out, which is why you haven't seen him at any of the debates people actually watch. **Trans lives**, meanwhile, matter more to people these days thanks to the omnipresent Caitlyn Jenner, but **black lives** still don't matter enough, at least to some backward folk. Being backward is out, despite appearances to the contrary.

Sex offenders are in the news, including that creepy Duggar brother, the creepy University of Louisville basketball team and especially that creepy Subway guy, who thankfully is now out of the general population. But hopefully people aren't staying out of Subway because of it, because they still make a mean Sweet Onion Chicken Teriyaki sandwich. Teriyaki is in.

And while terrorism fears may wind up keeping **Syrian refugees** out of the U.S., they're in good hands in other countries like Germany, where Time's Person of the Year, Chancellor Angela Merkel, has stood firm in her nation's support of those displaced. It seems that **strong, take-charge women** may be in. Hmmm ...

ENTERTAINMENT

Fortunately for the entertainment industry, **consuming entertainment** is in — wherever you look somebody's doing it, be it on a little screen, or a big screen, or possibly on their wristwatch. Unfortunately for the entertainment consumer, much of it stinks. Entertainment consumers are out.

No matter where you're watching it, though, being spaced out is in, thanks to "**Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens**," which made a gazillion dollars before it even opened because whenever somebody mentions "Star Wars," we as a society are legally obligated to cough up money. That's in the Constitution, right next to the part that says Donald Trump can keep Muslims out.

But "Star Wars" isn't the only **science fiction** (or mostly fiction) that's in: "The Martian," "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2" and "Mad Max: Fury Road" (a.k.a. "Not Beyond Thunderdome") were all in at the box office, and out-of-this-world superheroes continue to dominate both the large and small screens. At least until "Batman v Superman" comes out, at which time all bets are off.

The small-screen heroes, like "The Flash" and "Daredevil," tend to be more satisfying and less confusing than the big-screen ones (sorry, "Avengers: Age of Ultron," a.k.a. "Wait, Who's The Guy With The Red Face Again?"). But thanks to **movie theater upgrades**, you can watch the movie versions in what are basically La-Z-Boy recliners and sleep through the parts where no one is exploding. La-Z-Boy recliners are in.

Female heroes like TV's "Supergirl" and "Jessica Jones" are especially popular, along with female comedy stars like Amy Schumer and Amy Poehler and female leads like Jennifer Lawrence — it's almost as if strong, take-charge women are in. Hmmm ...

Also on TV, producing more shows than you



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Being outraged is in, and there are plenty of options. COURTESY PHOTO / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS PHOTO / AP FILE PHOTO



could ever possibly watch in a lifetime is in. Unfortunately, many of them stink. (I'm sensing a trend here.) Fortunately for the less popular shows, getting cancelled is out, out of fear that cancelled shows will wind up getting picked up by Netflix and become huge hits. **Netflix** is in, duh — or at least it was until it started showing original Adam Sandler movies. Adam Sandler is out, duh.

But some network and cable shows are making a splash — **horror** is in with "American Horror Story," "Scream Queens" and everyone's favorite zombie soap opera, "The Walking Dead." "**Game of Thrones**" remains in, with all its naked dragons and dead people. And **The Muppets** are back in prime time, although Kermit and Miss Piggy are on the outs, and not everyone is happy that The Muppets now have love lives. (I mean on the show, not just in our imaginations are out.)

In the world of music, of course, **Adele** is in, to the exclusion of everybody else (yes, even Taylor Swift), and also to the exclusion of the oxygen in the room, at least when she's singing. Thanks to "Hello," no one will ever be able to answer the phone again without hearing her voice in their head. That's in the Constitution, right next to the part about "Star Wars."

Straggling on the outskirts of Adele's glorious orbit is the suddenly back-in **Justin Bieber** — it's amazing what not peeing in public for a few months will do for your career. Also **Ed Sheeran**, who is a stadium-filling superstar despite looking like that wheezy guy from your gym, and **Drake**, who dances like Chuck Berry if Chuck Berry were holding an invisible cell phone and an invisible basketball instead of a guitar, and was not cool.

Lady Gaga the outrageous performance artist is out, but Lady Gaga the big-band chanteuse is in, not to mention Lady Gaga the actress (see "American Horror Story," above). **Madonna**

might want to get back into movies, because when it comes to selling albums, she's not as much of a material girl as she used to be. And **Miley Cyrus** in all her iterations — clothed, naked, wearing giant M&M's over her private areas, etc. — is out.

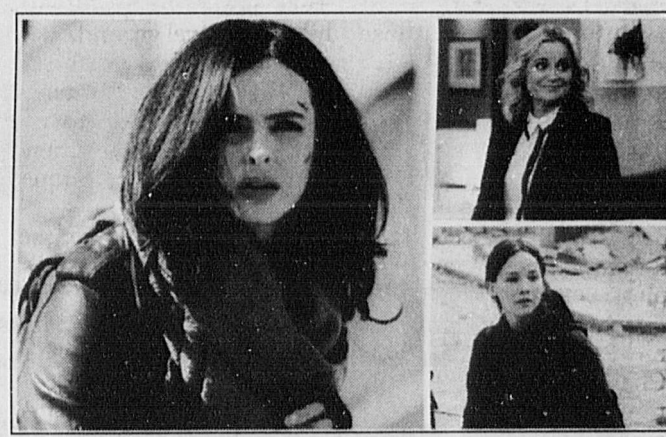
Old rockers are in, though: Don Henley recently had a chart-topping album, U2 sold out arenas around the world, and Bruce Springsteen released a box-set retrospective on his 1980 album "The River" that is probably too heavy for most of his band members to lift. **Young rockers** are, sadly, out, unless you count Imagine Dragons and Mumford and Sons, which we don't. Finally, **whipping and nae-naeing** is in. You can look it up.

SPORTS & LIFESTYLE

In the wide world of sports, **Tom Brady and his Patriots** have bounced back from Deflategate with a complex plan of revenge that involved throttling every opponent they came up against. That worked great until most of their receivers (we're looking at you, Gronk!) went out with injuries. But Gronk is now back, and hopefully they'll be in good shape for the playoffs — because as Gisele points out, her husband cannot &%\$#! throw the ball and catch the ball at the same time. Except recently when he sort of did, but that was probably a one-time thing. Gisele is in.

Caring how real teams are doing is out; caring how your fantasy team is doing is in, despite it not being real. **Daily fantasy gaming**, courtesy of FanDuel and DraftKings, is in, though it may be making its way out if some attorneys general have anything to say about it. Attorneys general are in.

In baseball, Red Sox GM Ben Cherington, the man who brought us Hanley Ramirez, left baseball altogether, while his replacement, Dave Dombrowski, brought in prize



Strong women like Krysten Ritter of "Jessica Jones," Amy Poehler and Jennifer Lawrence (along with a certain presidential candidate) are definitely in. COURTESY PHOTOS

free agent David Price. **David Price** is in, and as a result the price of a beer at Fenway will probably be up. I'm thinking \$18.50.

But who cares about football and baseball? They're out. What's in is **UFC fighting**, the one place where you're more likely to get a concussion than in football. (Concussions are, sadly, still in.) Holly Holm's upset win over Ronda Rousey makes Holm the in UFC fighter, and if you say she isn't, she will kick you in the neck. Neck kicks are in.

On the road, **Volkswagen** is out after it came out that the company was secretly hiding its cars' emissions output. On the plus side, scientists have renamed the hole in the ozone layer "Herbie." (**Global warming**: Still in.) Herbie will always be in, no matter how much pollution the little dude spews out.

Online, **emojis** are in, because words are overrated, especially in comparison to little pictures of eggplants. On **Twitter**, Favorites are out and Likes are in, but "Moments" are out — we're still not exactly sure what they're for, but we're pretty sure we don't have time for them. And **memes** involving dress colors and smiling dogs and that tough-looking baby are all still in, please move along.

With Playboy dropping its nude photography, **naked people** are out, at least in magazines that you pay for. So **magazines that you pay for** are out, but you can probably find naked

people on the Internet somewhere if you look hard enough. **Books that you pay for** are also out, which is why the industry plans to publish a newly discovered Harper Lee novel every year from now until 2037. Harper Lee is in!

Also, **breakfast** is in — McDonald's serves it all day now, which is the best thing to happen to breakfast since McDonald's started serving it in the mornings. Unfortunately, McDonald's is out, because its Big Breakfast with Hotcakes and Large Biscuit is 1,150 calories. We don't have a death wish — we'll take the Small Biscuit, thanks. Unfortunately for Mickey D's, people are eating at healthier fast-food establishments, like Chipotle, at least before Chipotle started making people's stomachs explode. Chipotle is out.

And finally, **spending a lot of money on newsprint** is out, so there were a lot of Ins and Outs that couldn't fit into our roundup. If you want to find out what didn't make the cut, let me know and we can get together and go over the list. Just probably not at Chipotle.

—This year's What's In/What's Out research team included: Joshua Boyd, Rich Clapp, William J. Dowd, Dan Mac Alpine, Janet Mackay-Smith, Joe McConnell, Jennie Oemig, Jeff Pope, Nancy Prag, Mary Reines, Rich Tenorio and Kirk R. Williamson. Follow Peter Chianca on Twitter at @pchianca.

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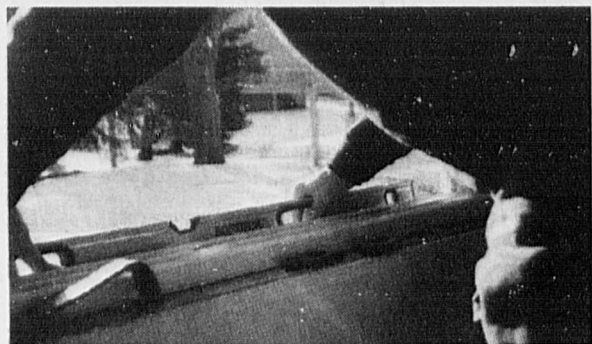
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WRESTLING

Cohasset Tournament

The Cohasset wrestling team will be hosting the 25th annual Cohasset Wrestling Tournament, Saturday, Jan. 9 with a 10 a.m. start. The tournament has been consistently running as it heads into the 25th year. Head coach Torin Sweeney has been a huge contributor to the event every year, working to make everything run smoothly.

The event is a big fundraiser for the Cohasset Wrestling Boosters and will have a full snack bar for the all-day event.

Come out and support the team as they take another big step preparing for the postseason with the similar type tournament.

BASEBALL

Seadogs tryouts set

Two well known South Shore baseball veterans have been named to coach the Seadogs 16U and 18U AAU baseball teams in the summer of 2016. Tryouts for both teams will be held on consecutive Saturdays, January 9 and 16 at 12:30 pm at the South Shore Sports Center in Hingham.

Whitman's "Big Steve" Levy, at 6-foot-nine, 9, 280 pounds, will be a towering presence as the skipper of the two time New England AAU 18U defending champions.

Nick DiVito, who was the coach and general manager of the Quincy entry in the Cranberry League last summer, will coach the 16U's.

Levy has coached Seadogs AAU teams for the last several years. He moves up from handling the 16U squad last year. As a collegian he was an intimidating three year closer for UMass who stands second in saves all-time in the Minuteman record book. He played with the Falmouth Commodores in the Cape League and has coached both high school and American Legion baseball while working privately, one on one, with young pitchers in the area.

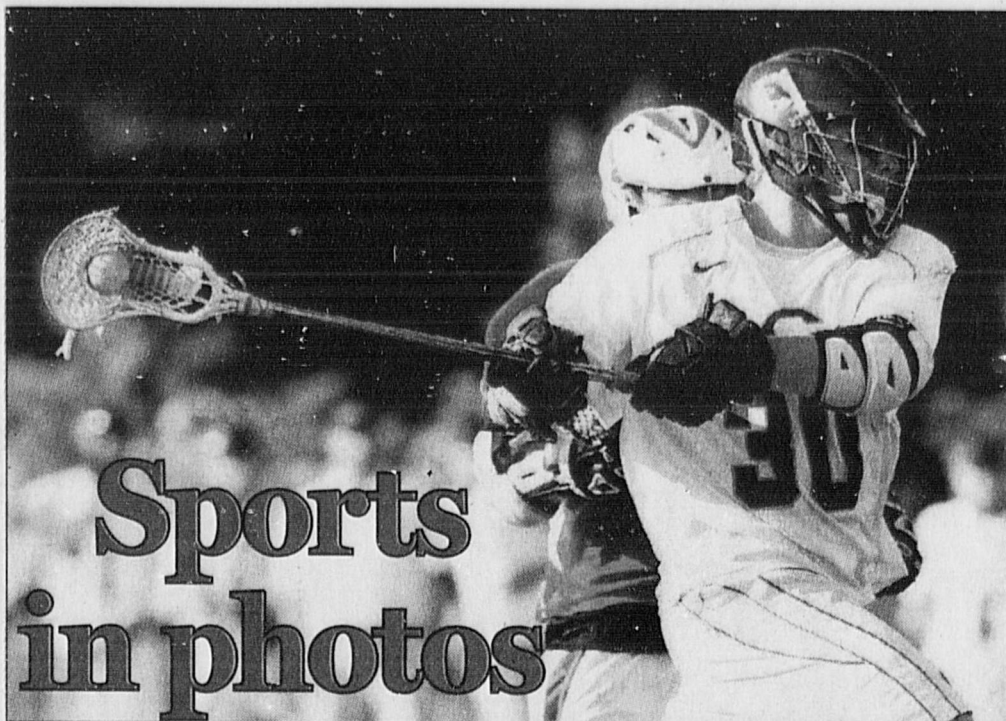
DiVito, a Hanover resident, captained both the basketball and baseball teams at Hingham High School.

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Youth Indoor Soccer

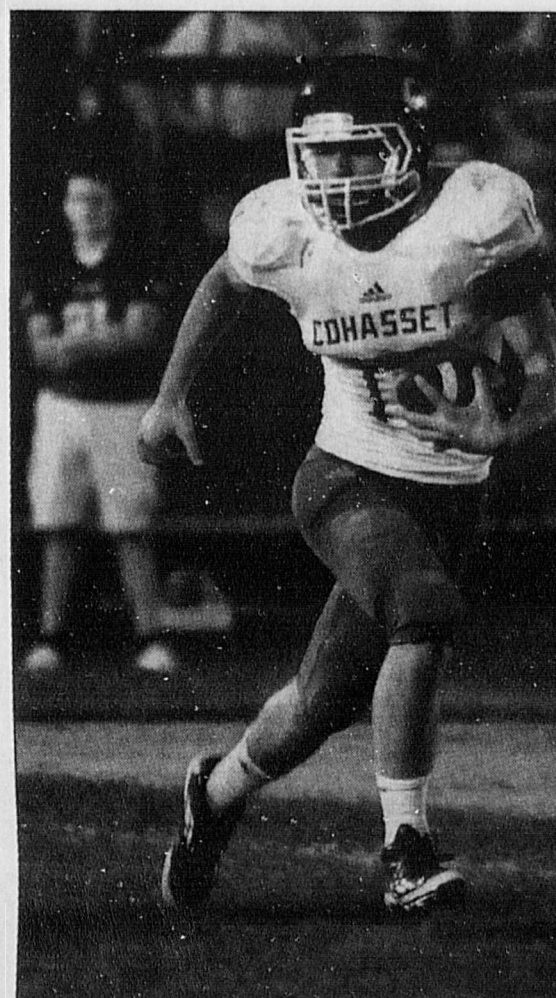
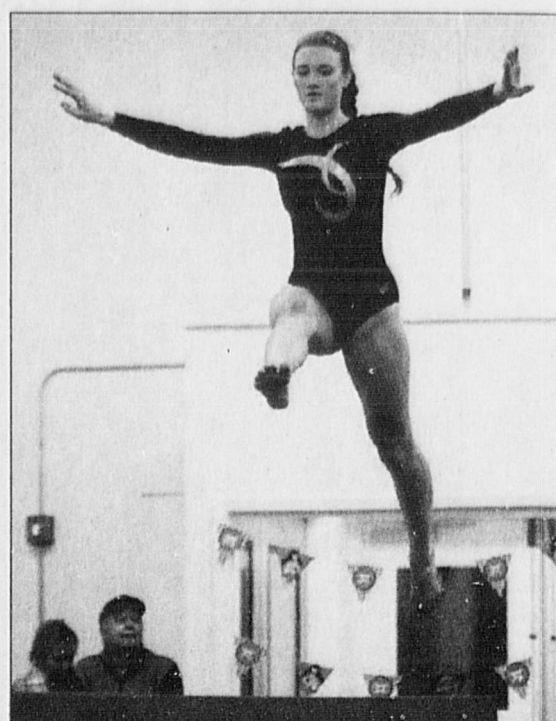
The U at Hanover will host Youth Indoor Soccer with a league beginning Jan. 23. Games will be Friday, Saturday or Sunday depending on age. Ages U8, U10, U14 High School boys and girls. This is the second of two sessions. The first session is already underway. The second session will have eight games plus playoffs and will start Jan. 23.

A LOOK BACK



There is one thing that is a certain in sports - there will always be emotion, passion, great action and the opportunity to chronicle those moments in photos. We're taking a look back at 2015 and some of our favorite moments and photos from Cohasset sports. We'll be back next week with more stories about your favorite teams and players. Enjoy.

Cohasset's Will Powers (top left) fires a shot at the Sectional Final. Cohasset's Mimi Waters (top right). WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN



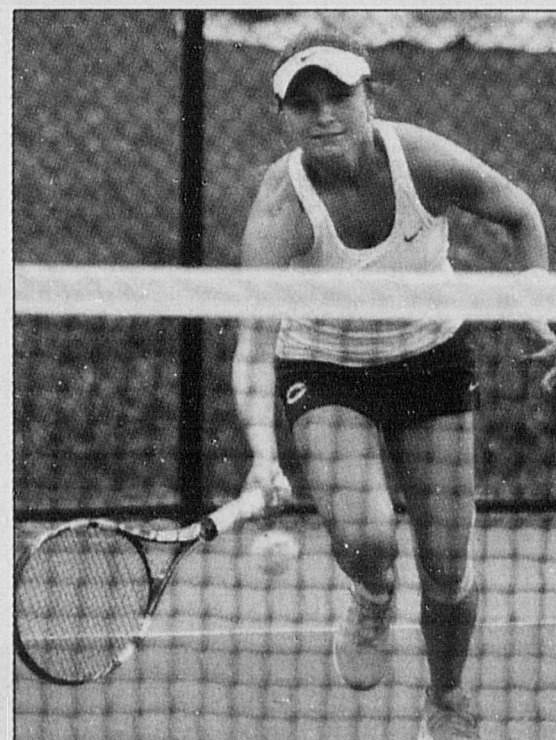
Cohasset's Xander Schubert. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Cohasset football players celebrate their Thanksgiving Day win over Hull. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Chris Norton picked up a few yards on this Thanksgiving Day run. He broke 1,000 yards rushing for the season on Turkey Day. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Cohasset seniors Isabel McCarthy, Madison Hegearty, Meghan Fitzgerald and Alexa Bleicken. COURTESY PHOTO



Cohasset's Emma Davis (above) is now at Wake Forest. Davis is the top high school player ever in Massachusetts, winning four individual state championships without ever losing a match. Jake Johnson (left) gets a high fist bump after a hit during the baseball season. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG



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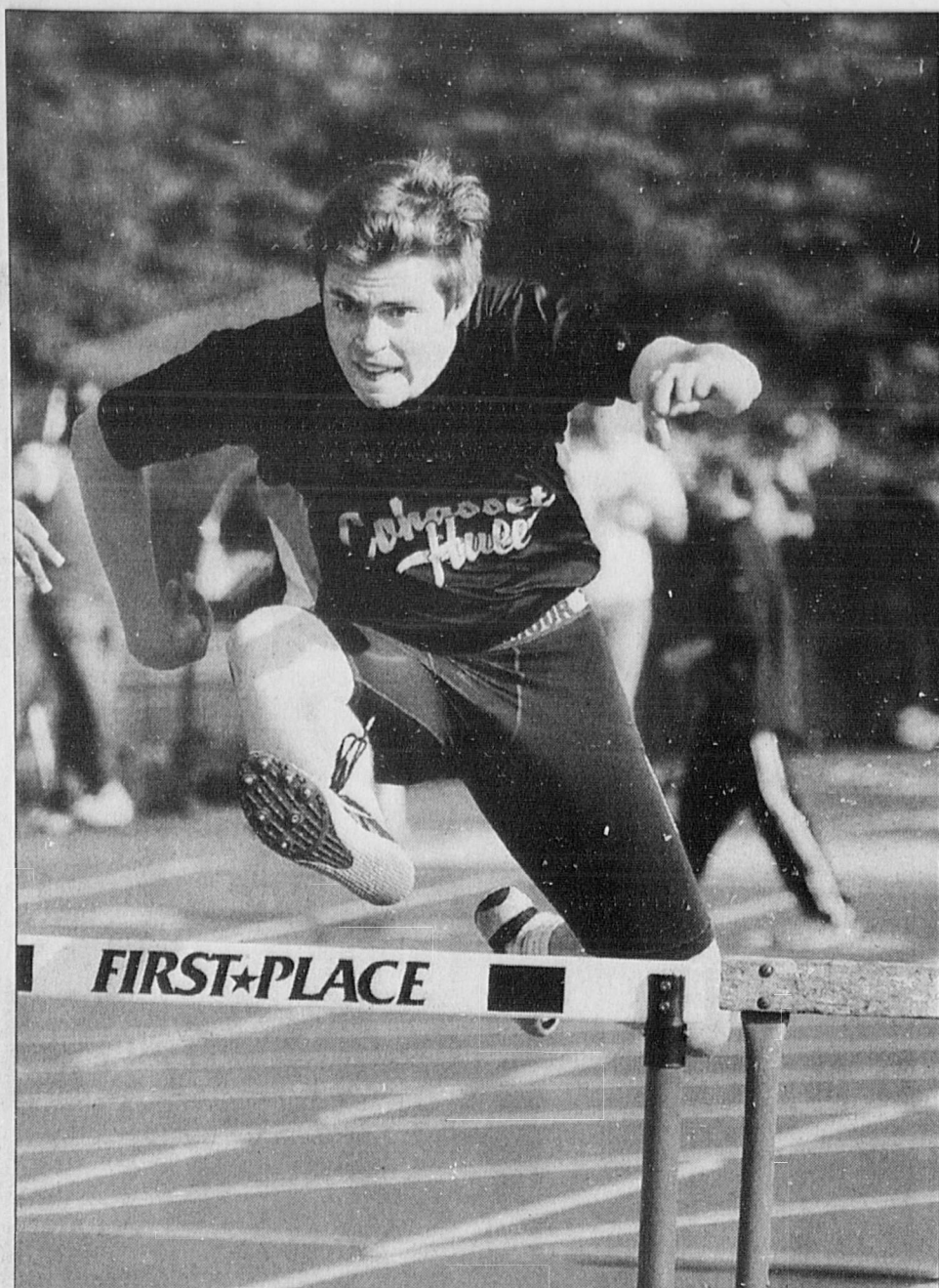
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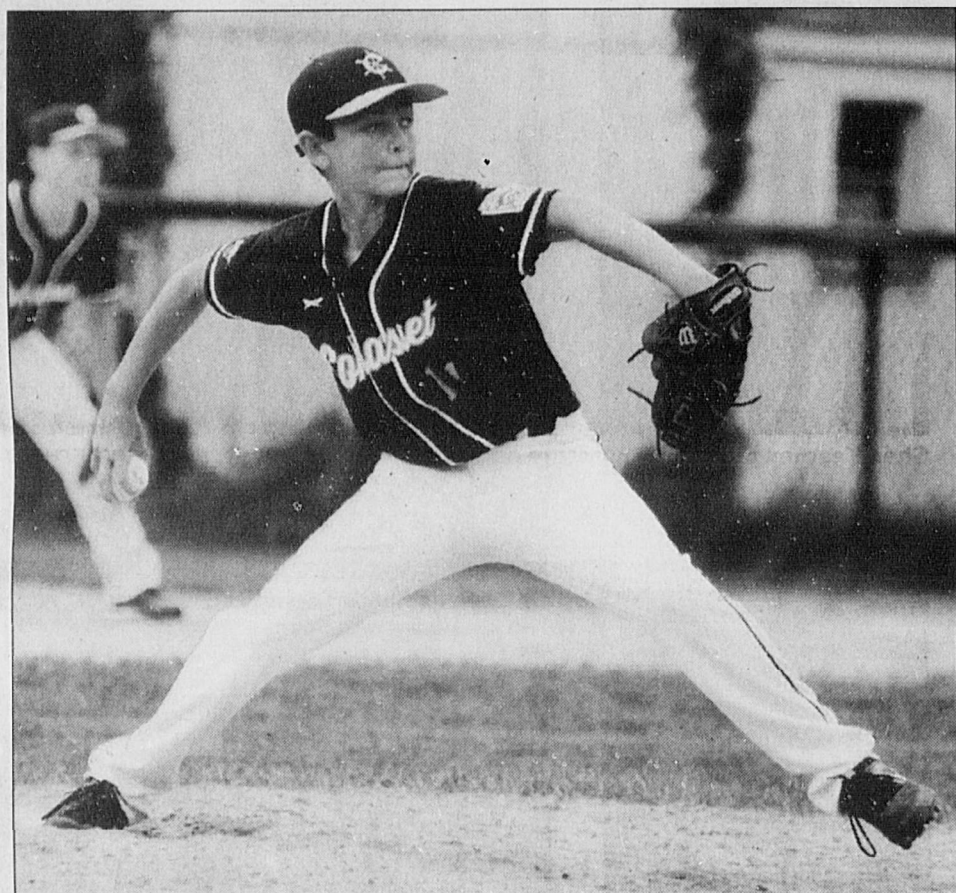
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Cohasset's Cole Morrison hits the hurdles in the spring. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG



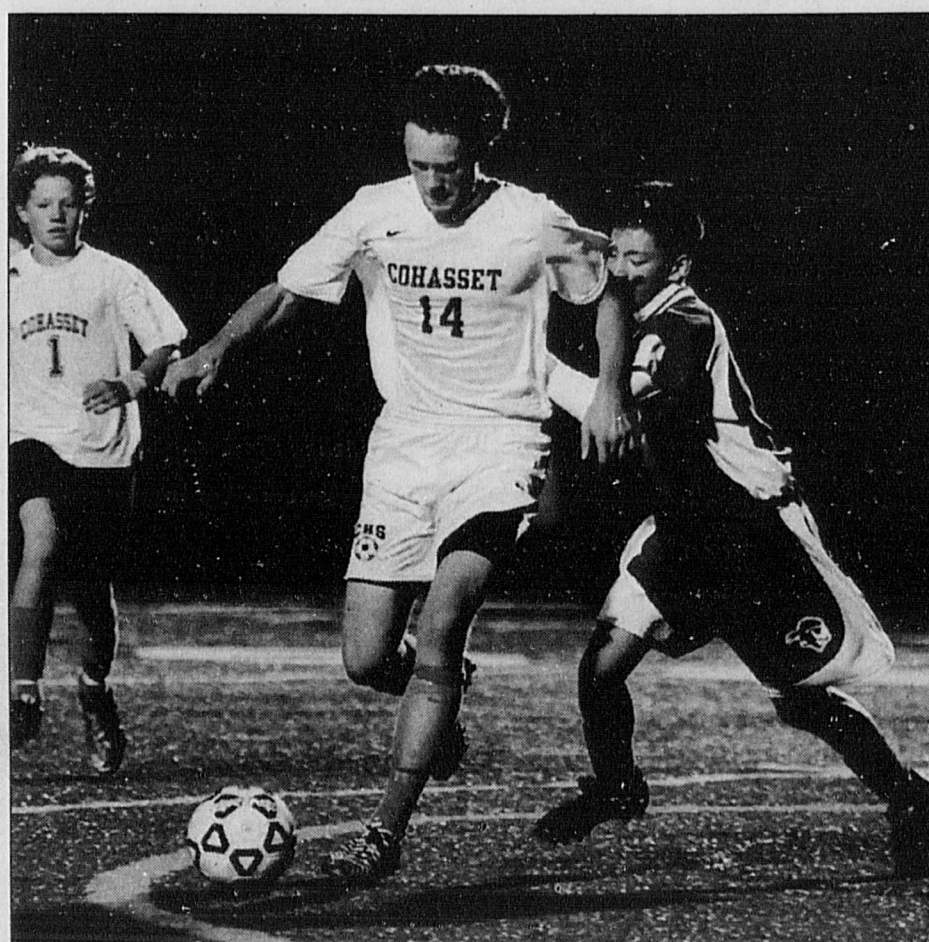
Cohasset Little League putcher Cam Albanese pitched well in Tournament play in July. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Sam Taylor battles against Scituate. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Seventh graders Piper Finn, Shea Smith, Callie Stavits, Lindsay Ferreira, Charlotte Hunnewell, Caitlin Durkin and Karolina Simmons pose with the mascot, Buddy, at a Youth Field Hockey Clinic in October. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Cohasset's Liam McHugh. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Youth lacrosse players welcome the varsity during the season. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG

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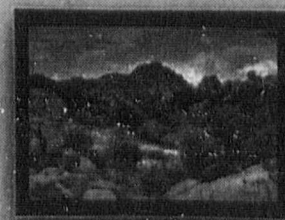
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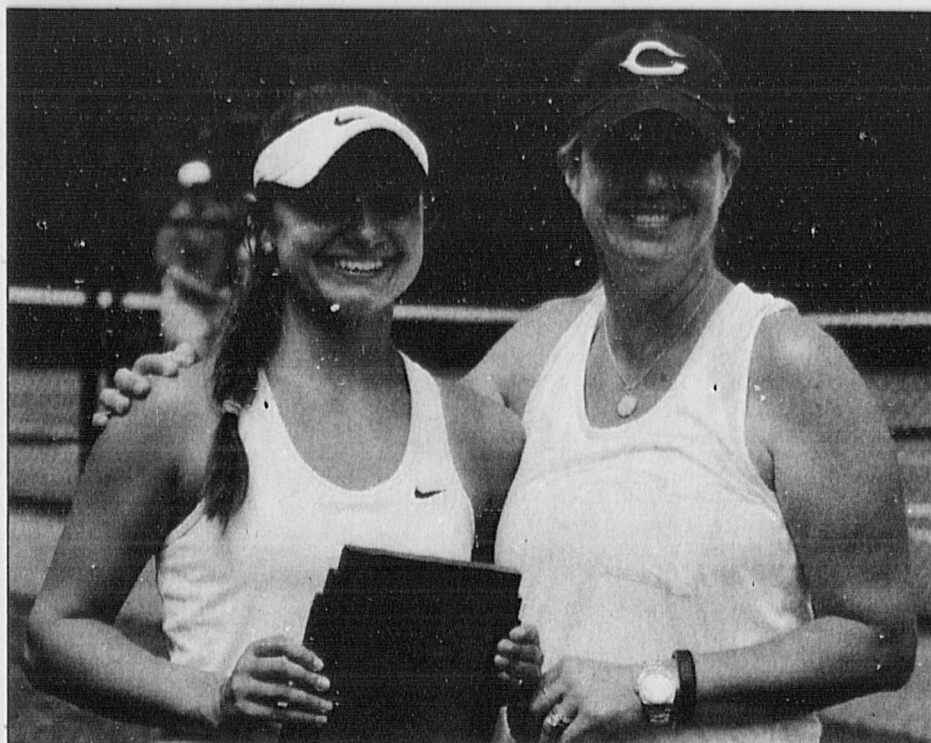
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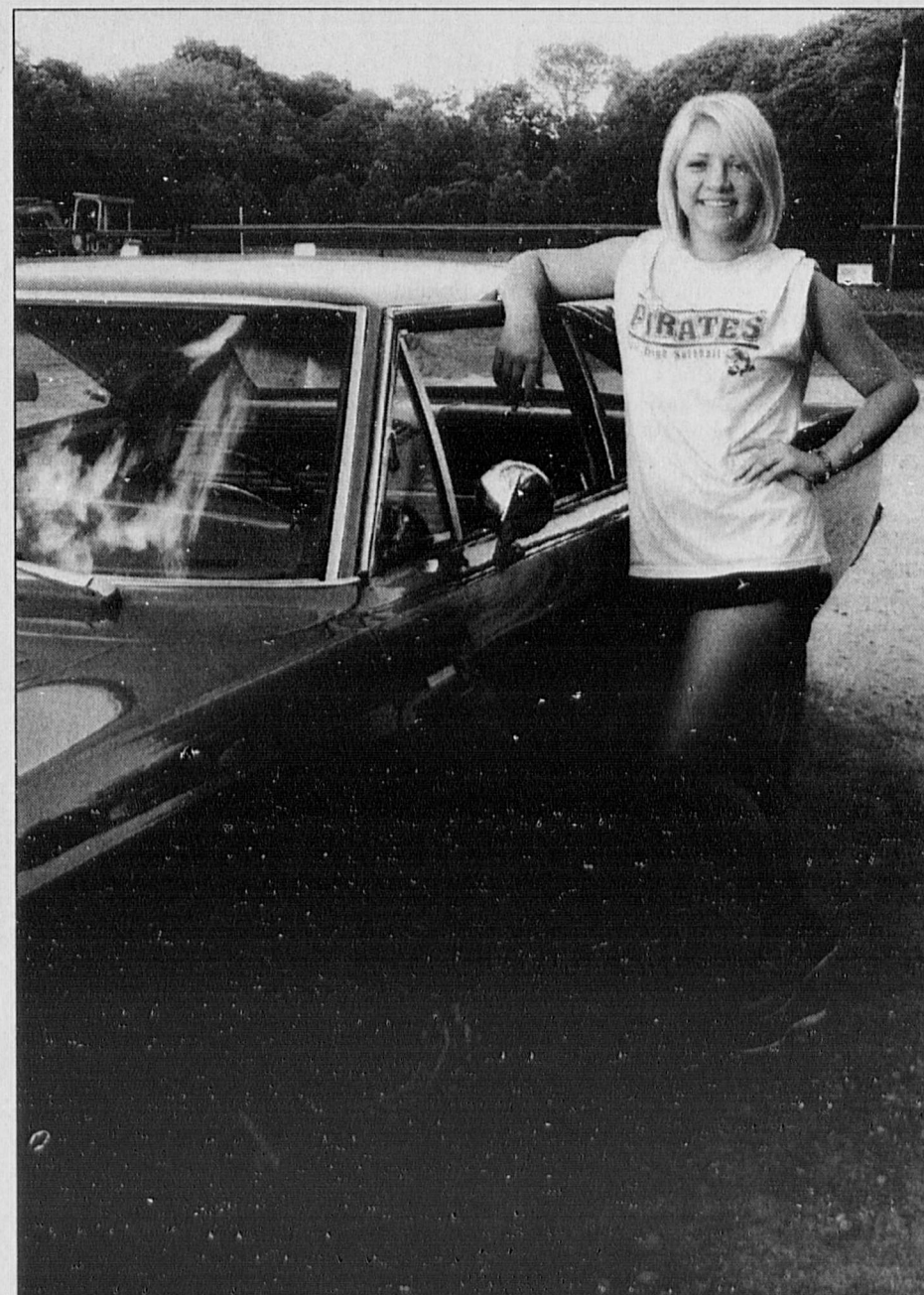
Emma Davis and coach Gigi Meehan pose for photo with Davis' Individual State Championship trophy. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Cohasset's Julia Richardson was in the spirit for her team's appearance in the MIAA Division 4 South Sectional Final. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG



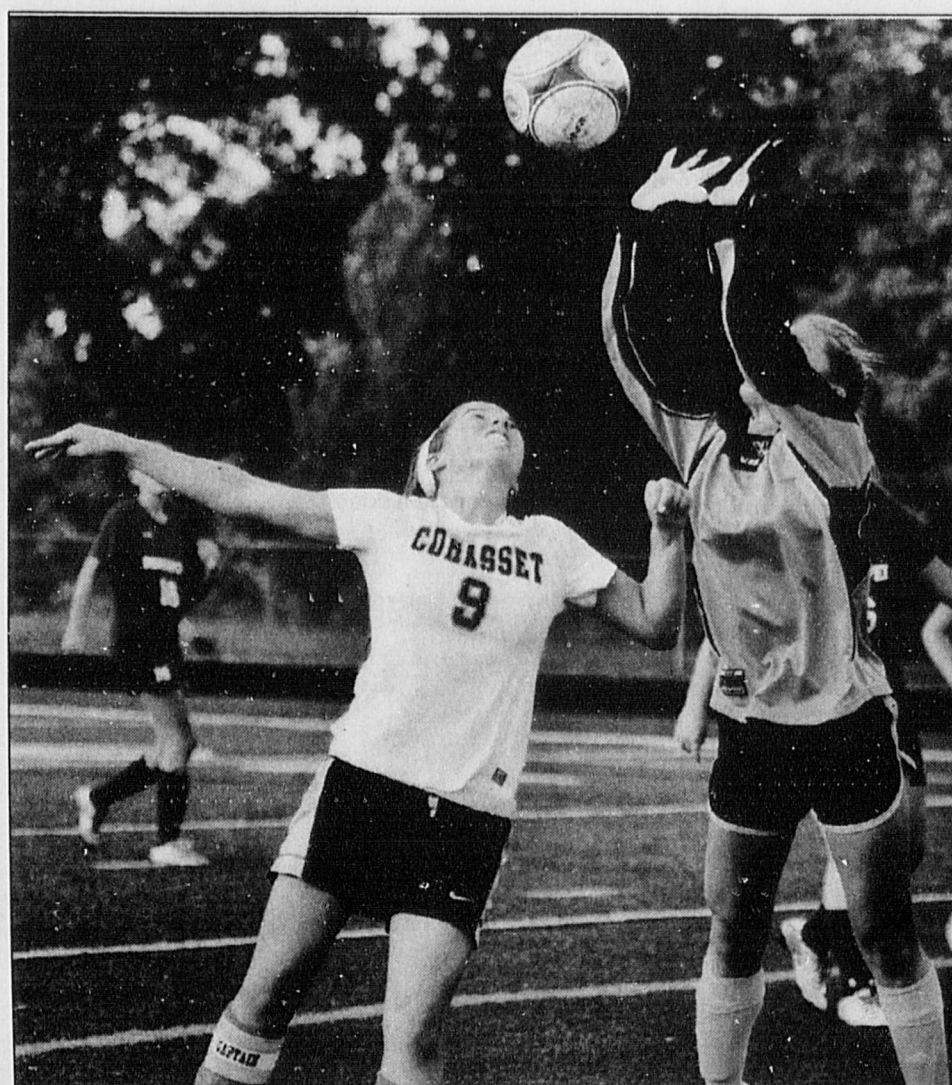
Cohasset's Kerry Dunn plays the ball during the Division 4 South Sectional Final against East Bridgewater Nov. 14 at Brockton High School. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Sarah Condo came back from a devastating injury to pitch for the Cohasset/Hul! U19 softball team over the summer. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG




Cohasset coach Deb Beal with captains Shea Kearney, Meg Rosano, Emily Rosano and Kerry Dunn. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN



Shea Kearney puts some pressure on net in the tournament. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG


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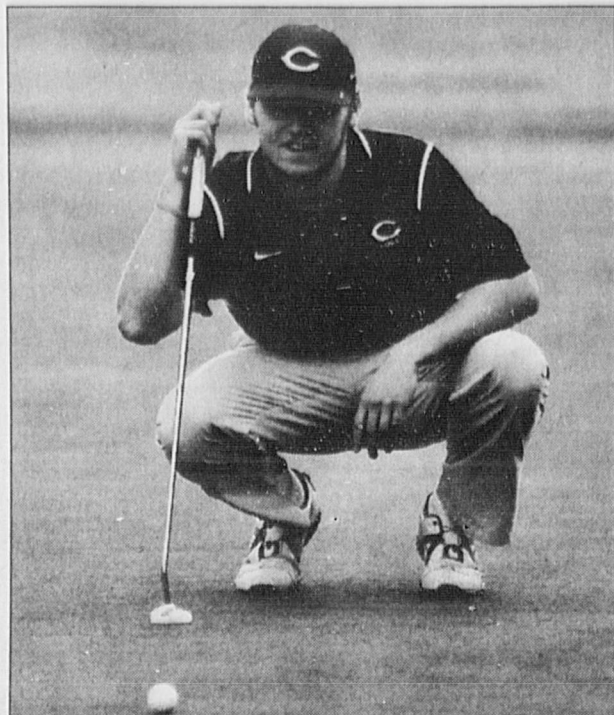


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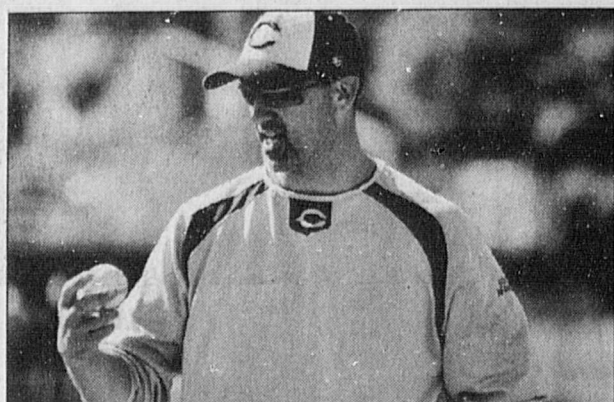
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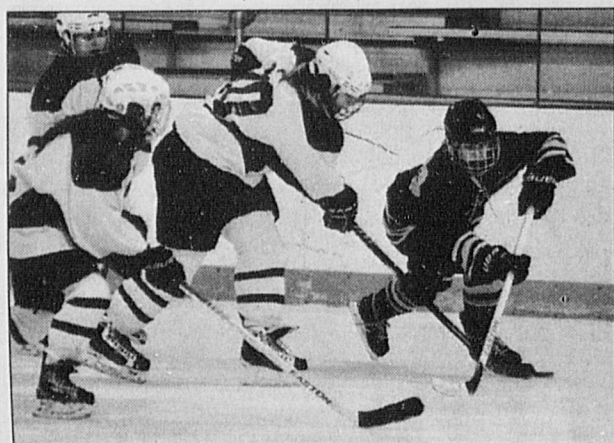
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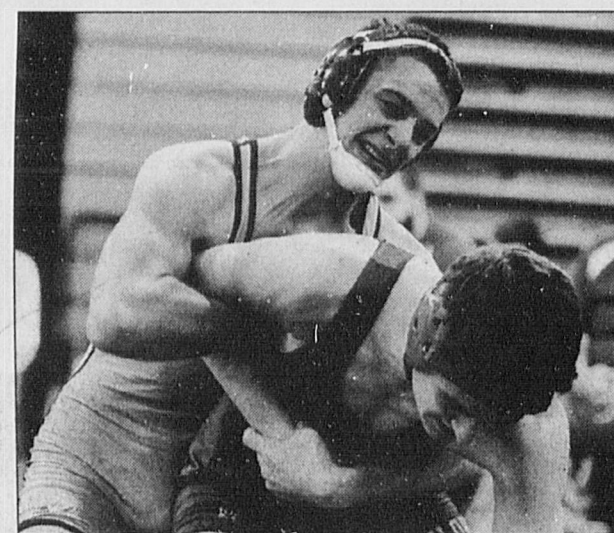
Cohasset's Luke Carlyle eyes a putt in October.
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Cohasset baseball coach Pete Afanasiw stepped down from coaching baseball after the season, but stayed on as football coach. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG



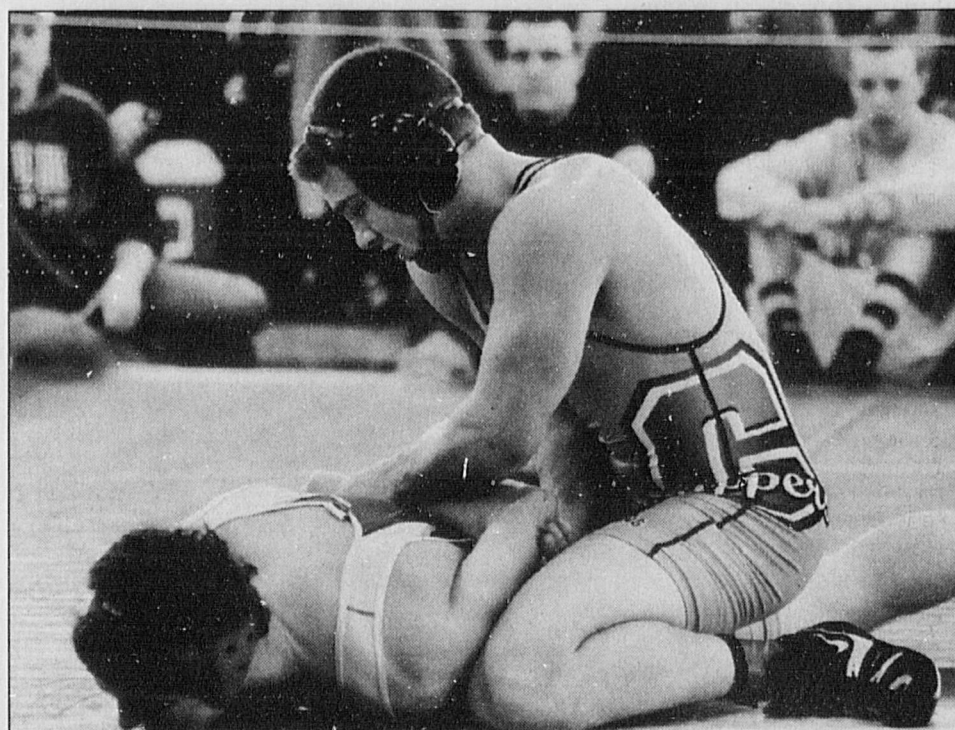
Katie Talacci in action against Scituate. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Cohasset Sean Mavilia recently won his division at the Scituate Invitational Wrestling Tournament. COURTESY PHOTO/KATY WASSERSUG



Cohasset's Jeff Powers. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Matt Froio won the Division 3 State Championship at 182. He also notched his 100th career win over the winter. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Swimming action last winter. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN



The Cohasset Triathlon turned into a 5K when torrential rain made the course unsafe for swimming and biking. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ALYSSA STONE

OBITUARIES

George M. Sechen

COHASSET – George M. Sechen, age 93, of Cohasset, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on December 21, 2015, at home.

He was the beloved husband of Annette P. Sechen; and devoted father of Julia Anne Sechen, George Sechen Jr. and his wife Megin, and Mark C. Sechen. He was the adoring grandfather of George III, Andrew, Charles and William Sechen.

Mr. Sechen was born in Manhattan, New York, but grew up on his family farm in Hanover, Conn. He was a graduate of the Norwich Free Academy in Norwich, Conn., and attended Cambridge College in Cambridge.

Mr. Sechen was also a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps, where he was a communication officer in the North African Campaign and the Italian Campaign.

Mr. Sechen was a 40+ year employee of MIT in the laboratory of Nuclear Science working both on campus in Cambridge and at the MIT Bates Linear Accelerator in Middleton. He worked with both professors and graduate students as a Project Technician.

His love of MIT and LNS was obvious to all who had the pleasure of working with George. George loved to teach and share his knowledge with all.

He was a passionate scientist who loved a challenge and to solve complex problems. George was also a



George M. Sechen

valued member of the MIT Pistol & Rifle Team where he was an accomplished marksman.

As a life-time member and past president of the Scituate Rod and Gun Club, he was an avid sportsman, hunter and fisherman, and accomplished marksmen. He also loved to travel, explore and learn about the outdoors and nature.

As a devoted family man, he loved to spend time with his wife, children and grandchildren, who adored their Grandpa.

Visiting hours will be held Saturday, January 2, 2016, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 160 So. Main St. (across from St. Anthony Church), Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of George to the Museum of Science in Boston, https://store.mos.org/donate/a-mount/?c=1&campaign_code=tribute&code=.

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She was a graduate of Boston University. Charlotte worked in Paris as a civilian secretary for the US Army and continued her career as a Professor in Business at Mass Bay Community College. As a devoted animal lover, she was a frequent

contributor to the Scituate Animal Shelter.

A memorial service held on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 10 a.m. in the Christ Lutheran Church, 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Rte. 3A), Scituate. Burial will be private at the Mass. National Cemetery, Bourne.

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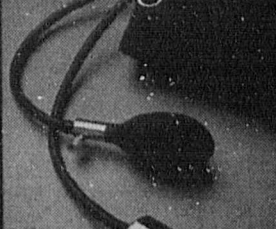
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Kindergarten sign-ups to start

The Joseph Osgood School will host kindergarten registration for the 2016-17 school year from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily beginning Jan. 19. Children who turn 5 years old on or before

Sept. 1, 2016, are eligible. Parents registering for kindergarten will be asked to indicate interest in full-day or half-day kindergarten at the time of registration, but do not have to commit at that time.

Parents are encouraged to register early to facilitate planning for programs. A birth certificate and proof of residency are required upon registering. For information: 781-383-6117.

SCHOOLS



Bank of Canton president Steve Costello, right, donated the conference and training space at his headquarters allowing District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey to provide important opiate overdose reversal and addiction screening training to school nurses serving every Norfolk County community – including Cohasset Dec. 16. Visible in the foreground is one of the training torsos used to practice the nasal application of naloxone and the associated revival procedures. COURTESY PHOTO

Nurses trained to spot drug abuse

Cohasset school nurses Judy Collins and Mary Mastromarino joined more than 80 of their colleagues, sports trainers and athletic directors from across Norfolk County for a two-part opiate safety training hosted by Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

The event included how to use the opiate overdose reversal drug naloxone and an evidence-based screening system to identify students at risk for addiction, particularly following postoperative prescribing for sports injuries.

"The training was in two distinct parts. The director of school health services for the Department of Public Health, Mary Ann Gapinski,

provided the screening, brief intervention, referral, and treatment training," Morrissey said.

The second training segment, instructing school nurses on administering the opiate overdose reversal drug naloxone and associated treatment, was provided by Dr. Daniel Muse, director of the emergency department at Brockton Hospital.

The Norfolk District Attorney's Office was the first in the state to offer naloxone training and supply to every police and fire department in its district. It is the first in Massachusetts to offer the training to all of its school nurses and sports trainers.

Morrissey reviews the

circumstances of every fatal overdose his office responds to looking for trends and commonalities. "Many overdose decedents were introduced to opioids during their high school years following surgery for a sports injury," Morrissey said. "Everyone with a medical role in our schools needs to know that. It may save lives."

Morrissey, who has provided school safety grants to public school systems for the last several years, is going to supplement Department of Public Health funding to make the full implementation of the screening, brief intervention, referral, and treatment training possible without cost to the towns.

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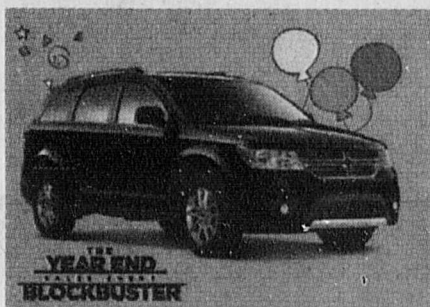
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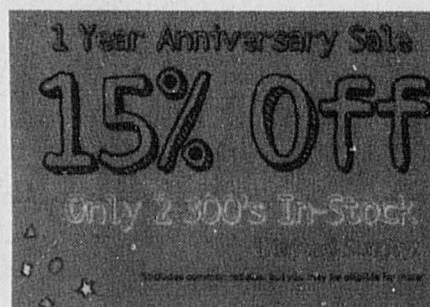
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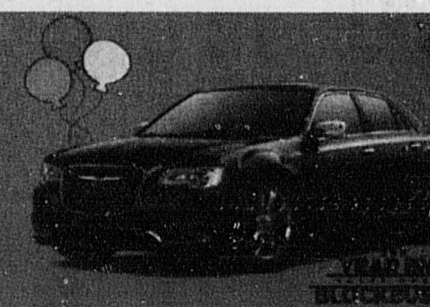
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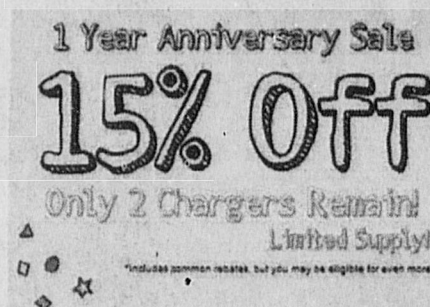
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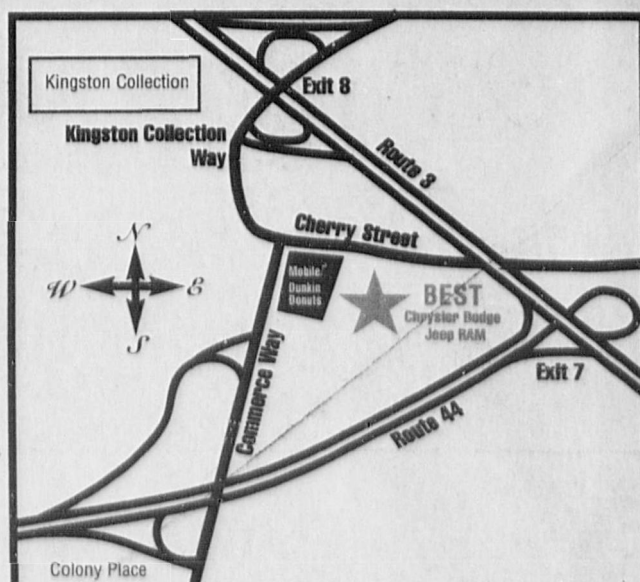
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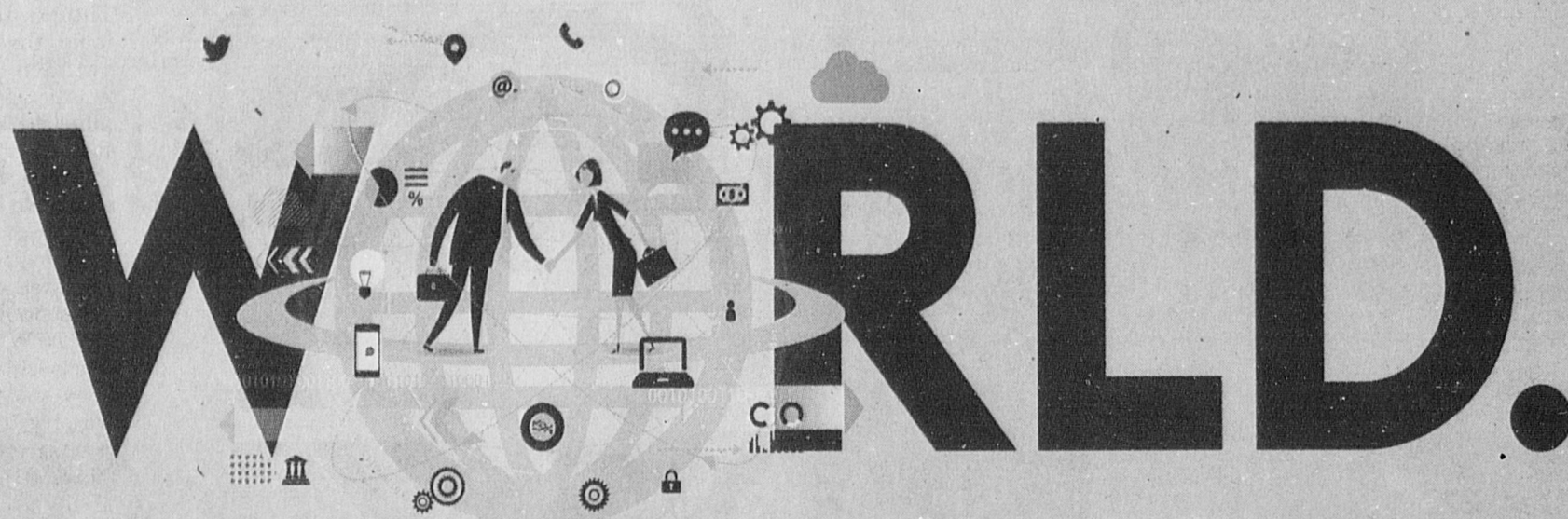
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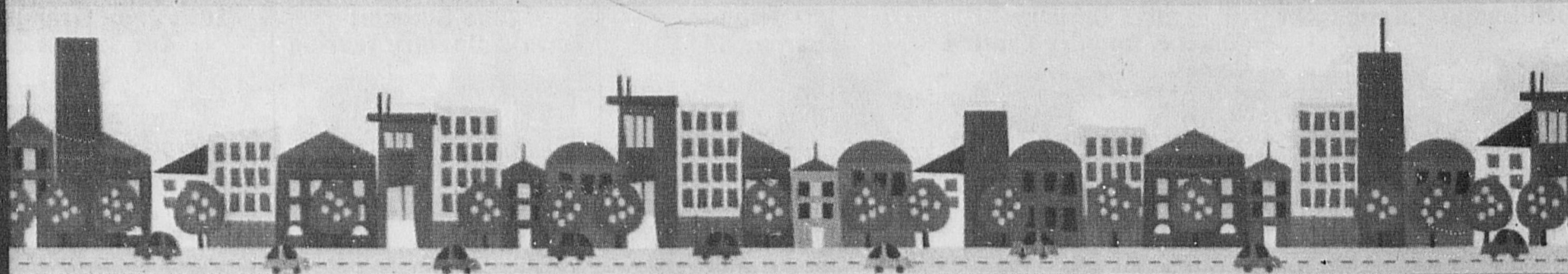
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COHASSET POLICE/FIRE LOG

The following are excerpts from the Cohasset police/fire log; the log is a public document.

Monday, Dec. 21

12:02 a.m.: 911 caller said she saw a vehicle in her driveway on **N. Main St.;** backed out quickly. Then found garden knife on floor that does not belong there.
10:23 a.m.: Fire inspection on **Forest Avenue.** The request for fire and rescue was voided.
10:41 a.m.: A caller reported on a tree down, blocking the road on **Jerusalem Road.**
12:54 p.m.: Water main at **Beechwood and Mill Lane** needs repair. Fire lieutenants will be in Engine 1 on a watch in area until main is fixed.
8:13 p.m.: Caller reports his son is overdue; left that morning at 7:30 a.m. for Worcester and was supposed to return by 12:30 p.m. Police ran plate showing State Police ran vehicle after it struck a guardrail in Westfield. Subject stopped in Albany by State Police.
8:19 p.m.: A suspicious vehicle was reported on **North Main Street.** A caller reported a pickup truck with no license plate numbers stopped on the side of the road by the ball field.
9:31 p.m.: A commercial alarm was reported on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway.** A motion detector in the front foyer of the building was set off by the breaking of glass. Keyholder was notified.

Tuesday, Dec. 22

7:10 a.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported on **Cunningham Bridge** on Atlantic Avenue. Bus driver reported that she nicked her mirror on a wall due to construction going on.
8:42 a.m.: Caller reports loose dog becoming aggressive around **Jerusalem and Nichols roads.**
11:09 a.m.: Suspicious activity was reported on **Red Gate Lane.** Caller reported a woman in the yard with her head covered, wearing jeans, possibly middle aged. Caller said the house should have been empty so they found it suspicious. Officers find out it was the neighbors watering the Christmas tree.
12:21 p.m.: Caller reports couple in small SUV arguing in parking lot by **CVS.** Scituate conducted well being check on parties at their home. Confirmed verbal dispute.
5:05 p.m.: A caller reported telephone pole on **King Street** sparked and flamed. Caller did not see any wires down or smell smoke.
5:11 p.m.: Report of erratic operation of a green sedan, swerving over the white and yellow lines, heading toward Hingham on **N. Main St.** onto East St. and then right on Rt. 228 toward Hull. Officers checked from N. Main to East St., nothing found.
5:17 p.m.: A manager reported an uncooperative customer at **Stop & Shop.** Customer threatened to beat up an associate. Was in and out of store several times in last 10 minutes. Officers searched the area and found nothing but will remain close by.
6:59 p.m.: Steel plates at **Beechwood St. and Mill Ln.** need to be secured, officer standing by for water department. Plates are separating causing a traffic hazard.
8:29 p.m.: An arrest was made on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway;** silver Nissan entering Cohasset from Scituate. A 45-year-old Plympton man was charged with operating under the influence of liquor, operating to endanger and a marked lanes violation.
8:32 p.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on **South Main Street.** A caller reported a truck circling the area, driving slowly around callers location. Caller called back and reported parties were driving around, looking for lost dog. Dog and owner have been reunited.
8:33 p.m.: A caller reported his large, yellow Labrador got out on **Beechwood Street.** Caller has been out looking for it. Caller and dog have been reunited.



TRAFFIC SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK: Speed limits are the maximum speed under ideal road conditions. You should slow down long after the rain or snow has stopped. With rain, ice or snow the road conditions can be unsafe to drive at the posted limit. This driver was driving an unsafe speed on upper Gardner Street in Hingham and crossed over the center line. COURTESY PHOTO

8:59 p.m.: A suspicious vehicle was reported on Hull Street. Caller reported a drunk driver trying to leave the parking lot at Corner Stop Eatery headed into Hull. Hull units advised.
9:32 p.m.: Caller reports woman yelling at gas pump at **Mobil Mart;** screaming and came to caller's truck. She left as police arrived; pursuit ensued with 43-year-old Weymouth woman arrested in Quincy by Cohasset police for drunken driving.

Wednesday, Dec. 23

1:57 a.m.: A caller reported wires down on **Jerusalem Road.** Wires are not touching the ground and are the responsibility of Verizon and Comcast. They have been advised.
10:56 a.m.: A caller reported wires down on **Jerusalem Road.** Caller reported that wires were down across the lawn. Verizon and Comcast have been notified.
4:38 p.m.: A caller reported a deer possibly struck and is now in distress on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** by **JJ's.** Caller did not witness deer get hit. Animal was gone upon officer arrival.
4:49 p.m.: **Atlantic Ave.** caller was cutting down part of a tree earlier when his chainsaw broke; good sized limb was hanging off tree. He took a break and when he went to finish project, the tree and wood were gone.
5:13 p.m.: An alarm was reported on **Depot Court.** The back door motion sensor was set off. Keyholder was notified.
7:15 p.m.: A caller reported a bat or a bird flying in his kitchen on **Hobart Lane.** Officers were unable to locate the animal.
8:28 p.m.: A suspicious vehicle was reported on **Stanton Road.** Caller reported a large truck loading a red sports car in front of the residence. Vehicle checks out.
9:14 p.m.: A residential alarm was reported on **Atlantic Avenue.** The first floor hall motion detector was set off. Alarm company contacted keyholder and everything checked out.
9:21 p.m.: Caller reports erratic car on **Beechwood St.,** going 10 to 15 mph and crossing yellow line. Officer reports elderly operator having trouble with her defrost.

Thursday, Dec. 24

1:34 a.m.: A disturbance was reported on **North Main Street.** A caller reported hearing what sounded like people fighting in the area. Caller reported possibly a half dozen or so young adults gathered.
4:09 a.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway.** An injured deer in the roadway. Animal control was notified.
4:13 a.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** by **JJ's.** A caller reported that he had just

hit a deer off to the side of the roadway. Vehicular damage was reported.
9:39 a.m.: A hit and run accident was reported on **Ripley Road.** A caller reported her vehicle was struck while she was teaching a class. There is damage to the vehicle. A report was filed.

11:04 a.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported on **Pond Street.** The vehicle hit a pole. Services were rendered; car was towed.

11:06 a.m.: Suspicious activity was reported at **Stop & Shop.** Caller reports the possibility of a shopper using fraudulent credit cards.

11:23 a.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported on by **Fiori's on Chief Justice Cushing Highway.** Caller reported a four-car crash blocking the northbound lane. Services were rendered.

11:31 a.m.: A suspicious person was reported at Cohasset Imports on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway.** A caller reported a male walking south wearing a brown coat with a bottle of alcohol in his hand. An area search turned up negative.

2:02 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported by **Walgreen's.** Caller reported being rear ended. Parties have exchanged information and have agreed to work it out.

5:38 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported on **Ripley Road and Sohler Street** in front of library. No tows needed.

9:19 p.m.: A disturbance was reported at **60 Elm Street.** A caller reported a male yelling and acting erratically, possibly drunk out front of apartment. Services were rendered.
9:51 p.m.: A noise complaint was made on **Pleasant Street.** A caller reported fireworks going off in the area.

Friday, Dec. 25

10:08 a.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported at **Starbucks** on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Caller was rear ended in the drive-thru.
11:08 a.m.: A caller reported what he thought was a wolf walking down **Fairoaks Lane** toward **Sohier Street.** An area check turned up negative.

1:06 p.m.: A caller reported electrical problems on **Rustic Drive.** They could not see any smoke but could smell a strong burning odor in the house. Fire department was dispatched.

1:21 p.m.: A suspicious person was reported on **Summer Street** by St. Anthony's. A caller reported what he thinks is an intoxicated person heading toward South Main Street.

5:32 p.m.: A caller reported a customer trying to give an ID he doesn't believe is real at **Mobil Mart** on King Street. Party has a military ID but the clerk wanted it confirmed. Party checks out and was sent on his way.

5:48 p.m.: A caller reported loud fireworks being popped on **Lamberts Lane.**

8:05 p.m.: A suspicious vehicle was reported on **Crocker Lane.** Parties check out and were sent

on their way.

8:19 p.m.: A caller reported a dog barking for over an hour on **Elm Court.** Caller stated they went to locate the animal and almost got bit. The dog's home was found and a door had been left open. The residence was empty so officers did a walk through to check and secure everything.
11:53 p.m.: A caller reported fireworks being set off on Doane Street.

Saturday, Dec. 26

12:28 a.m.: A caller reported a missing dog on **Stevens Lane.**

12:15 p.m.: A suspicious vehicle was reported on **Beechwood and Doane streets.** A caller reported a male and female in a car near the playground. Caller heard them talking about exchanging money. Male party was taken into custody with a warrant arrest.

6:01 p.m.: Traffic stop on **Forest Ave.** of vehicle

with expired registration. Citation issued and car was towed.

Sunday, Dec. 27

5:47 p.m.: A caller reported hitting a deer on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** between Beechwood and Pond streets. Caller is fine, and there is no damage to the car. Deer had to be put down.

6:33 p.m.: A residential alarm was reported on **Linden Drive.** Alarm company reported they were unable to reach keyholder. The house was checked and secured and neighbor volunteered to try and reach the home owners.

8:24 p.m.: 18-wheeler with back doors open by **MBTA station on 3A.** Nothing showing but truck located unloading at Stop & Shop and all appears in order.

8:53 p.m.: Caller reports someone running southbound on **King Street** by Cohasset House of Pizza. Concared he may get hit. Unit checked the area, nothing found.

SCHOOL ZONE



This is what the new speed signs will look like. COURTESY PHOTO

Solar speed signs coming

Police Chief William Quigley announced this week that the town's insurance carrier, The Massachusetts Inter-local Insurance Agency, awarded a \$5,000 grant to the police department to purchase two solar-powered RADAR speed signs for the school zone that services both the Deer Hill and Osgood schools on Sohler Street.

The signs, which will be installed on both ends of the school zone by Cohasset DPW, will display an approaching vehicle's speed along with a customizable warning. The sign's warning message can be changed via Bluetooth and will have the ability to capture historical speed data. "This new technology will be very useful in tailoring our traffic enforcement efforts and streamlining how we deploy our resources," Quigley said.

Quigley praised Sergeant Jeffrey Treanor, the department's traffic sergeant, for writing the grant and researching solutions to slow traffic down in the area of the schools. The signs will be installed sometime before the spring.

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By Melissa Erickson
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Breathtaking highs and heartbreaking lows made headlines in 2015. The Supreme Court handed down decisions that changed America's social structure while divisive race relations made many question how far we've really come.

A charismatic religious leader popped in to raise our spirits while an obstinate county clerk made people take sides. Two comedic talents said goodbye, and a top Republican did, too.

Here's a look at some events that shaped 2015.

Paris terror attacks

After the French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo published controversial cartoons of the Muslim prophet Muhammad, masked gunmen armed with AK-47s stormed the Paris office of the weekly publication Jan. 7 and killed 12, most of whom were journalists. Police were alerted and arrived at the incident as the gunmen were leaving the building, and journalists who fled to nearby rooftops filmed the gunmen firing on police. Paris was on maximum alert with an increased police presence over the next few days, but a breakthrough occurred when the fugitives robbed a service station, which led to police focusing on militant Islamist brothers as suspects in the shootings. Condemnation for the attack was plentiful. On Twitter, the world expressed solidarity through the hashtag #jesuischarlie — "I am Charlie."

On Nov. 13, a series of coordinated terror attacks in Paris killed more than 120 people and injured 353 more, many seriously, with ISIS claiming responsibility for the mass shootings, suicide bombings and hostage-taking in crowded public places, including a concert hall and restaurants. Almost immediately, a state of emergency was declared, with France closing its borders and deploying more than 1,500 troops in antiterror raids in cities across the country as well as airstrikes on Syrian militant targets. European officials are concerned that "a very professional new breed of terrorists" may be entering Europe hidden among the wave of refugees fleeing Syria.

Race and the police

Polls show that people believe the state of race relations has improved over the last decades, but this year saw real problems and a growing divide. Here are some of the things Americans struggled with this year: In April, Baltimore police arrested Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old African-American apparently in good



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health. Gray sustained neck and spinal injuries while being transported in a police vehicle, fell into a coma and died. Baltimore residents protested, as did residents in other cities. Violence escalated and riots ensued. Gray's death was ruled a homicide. On the one-year anniversary of the death of Michael Brown — an unarmed African-American 18-year-old shot by police in Ferguson, Missouri — a peaceful vigil turned into chaos. Protests led to riots after police critically wounded an 18-year-old black man said to be firing at police. A state of emergency was declared in and around Ferguson. Gaining steam, the Black Lives Matter movement campaigned against violence against black people and broader issues such as racial profiling. A backlash against authorities may have been the cause of a rash of shootings of police officers, prompting some to think there is a war on police.

David Letterman, Jon Stewart sign off

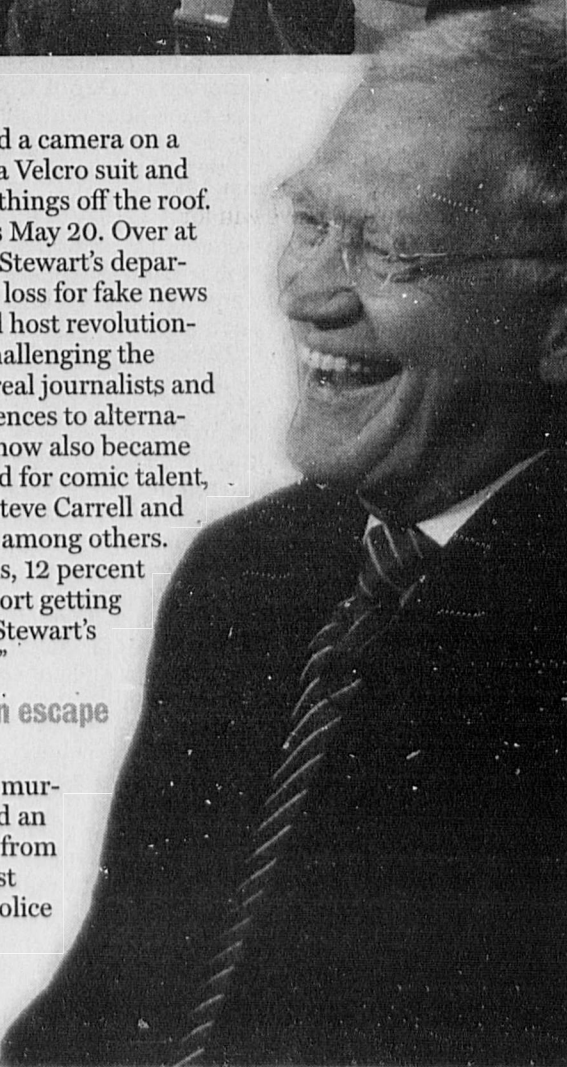
Late-night comedians and talk show hosts David Letterman and Jon Stewart changed the bedtime habits of millions of television viewers when they called it quits. The gap-toothed host of "Late Night with David Letterman" (11 years) and "Late Show with David Letterman" (22 years) was the longest-tenured night-show host and a pioneer of late-night television. His wacky ideas and hilariously awkward moments defined his show just as much as his interviewing

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skills. He strapped a camera on a monkey, donned a Velcro suit and threw all sorts of things off the roof. His last show was May 20. Over at Comedy Central, Stewart's departure Aug. 6 was a loss for fake news fans. The satirical host revolutionized television, challenging the responsibility of real journalists and introducing audiences to alternative voices. The show also became a breeding ground for comic talent, making stars of Steve Carrell and Stephen Colbert, among others. According to polls, 12 percent of Americans report getting their news from Stewart's "The Daily Show."

New York prison escape and manhunt

Two convicted murderers engineered an elaborate escape from New York's largest prison, leading police on a three-week manhunt across the state's



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wooded northern terrain. Prison friends Richard Matt and David Sweat used a combination of engineering skills, trickery and power tools to escape along with the help of civilian prison employee Joyce Mitchell, who smuggled hacksaw blades for the pair by hiding them in frozen hamburger meat. The men used dummies to fool officers into thinking they were asleep in bed and then cut through the walls of their cells and made their way to the basement of the prison before escaping late June 5 or early June 6. When Mitchell failed to meet the escapees with a getaway car, the men fled on foot, hiding out in cabins about 15 miles west of the prison. Police closed in. Matt was killed by a federal agent June 26 after he fired a gun at the back of a camping trailer. Sweat was surrounded by authorities and captured. Mitchell pleaded guilty to helping the inmates escape and faces up to seven years in prison.

Supreme Court decisions

Rulings by the Supreme Court are always big news, but two cases decided in the same week in late June affected the everyday lives of Americans. In a landmark victory for gay rights, a divided 5-4 court ruled that same-sex couples can now marry in all 50 states in *Obergefell v. Hodges*. At the announcement, supporters wept and danced in the streets, while opponents criticized the decision. Justice Anthony Kennedy penned the majority opinion writing, "No union is more profound than marriage." Also, in a massive win for President Obama, the Supreme Court saved the controversial healthcare law. The Affordable Care Act made huge changes to the nation's health insurance system, setting up exchanges that offer consumers and small businesses a choice of standardized and regulated health plans that serve people who aren't offered insurance by a large employer.

County clerk says no

The Supreme Court's ruling on same-sex marriages didn't sit well with Kim Davis, the clerk of Rowan County in Kentucky. Davis gained international attention for defying a federal court order to grant marriage licenses, citing her beliefs as an Apostolic Christian. Four couples sued Davis in early September, saying she must fulfill her duties as an elected official. When she continued to turn couples away, she was found in contempt of court and spent five days in jail. She was released after her deputy clerks agreed to do the paperwork. While some said Davis is an example of someone who would use religious liberty to discriminate, others believed employers need to do more to accommodate a worker's religious beliefs.

Pope Francis makes first U.S. visit

Pope Francis, the people's pontiff, made a historic six-day trip to the United States in September visiting Ground Zero, speaking to Congress



and addressing the United Nations. One of the most famous and beloved people on the planet, Pope Francis visited Washington, D.C., New York and Philadelphia and injected the American church with a burst of energy. Throngs of faithful Roman Catholics and sightseers interested in catching a glimpse of the first Latin-American pope came out to hear his message that religion needs to go beyond houses of worship. Pope Francis' love for the poor is clear — he dined with homeless people in Washington — but he also tackles political and economic issues.

Boehner steps down

After a tumultuous five-year reign, John Boehner resigned as speaker of the House at the end of October. The chamber's top Republican struggled with constant clashes with conservatives who felt he compromised too easily with President Obama and relied on Democratic votes to pass legislation. The announcement was abrupt. "Last night, I started thinking about this, and this morning, I woke up and I said my prayers — as I always do — and I decided today's the day I'm going to do this. As simple as that," Boehner said Sept. 25 in a press conference held a day after meeting Pope Francis. Boehner is credited with reining in the federal deficit, extending the Bush tax credits and passing major entitlement reforms, but he failed to negotiate a "grand bargain" to raise revenue while cutting federal spending and was at the helm during the 16-day government shutdown in 2013. Wisconsin lawmaker Paul Ryan was elected to replace Boehner on Oct. 29.

Liquid water found on Mars

In late September, NASA scientists reported finding evidence of flowing water on Mars, boosting hopes for life beyond Earth and the potential for travel to the red planet someday. That water flows in rivulet-like streams on the cliffs and craters of Mars' harsh landscape doesn't offer evidence of life on Mars, but it may prove that microbes could exist there. NASA researchers used an imager aboard the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter to look at lightwaves. The dark streaks that appear and vanish seasonally are made by salty, briny water, the observations showed. It's not a surprise that water exists on Mars because scientists already knew water created landscapes and even a mile-deep sea, but that was billions of years ago when the planet was warmer. It's an exciting discovery, but for now, scientists don't know where the water is coming from.



Donald Trump a leading presidential candidate

With a vow to "make America great again," real estate magnate and TV personality Donald Trump defied expectations to become a leading presidential contender from the Republican party. The candidate enjoys grassroots support from a shockingly big portion of the Republican primary electorate. Trump survives in spite of his blowhard personality and has endured countless controversies, from his comments on immigration, remarks about women and questioning Sen. John McCain's status as a war hero. Trump's closest contender is retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, another outsider with no political experience who leaped ahead of Trump in the polls in early November. Twelve other people are also vying for the Republican nomination.



In memoriam

Here's a look at the celebrities and other notable figures who passed away in 2015:

Mario Cuomo, 82: The American politician and former governor of New York died Jan. 1.

Stuart Scott, 49: The beloved ESPN anchor died Jan. 4 after a long battle with cancer.

Ernie Banks, 83: "Mr. Cub," the former Negro League upstart turned Cubs legend, died Jan. 23.

Dean Smith, 83: The legendary University of North Carolina basketball coach died Feb. 8.

Jerry Tarkanian, 84: The fiery basketball coach who won the 1990 championship at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, died Feb. 11.

Leonard Nimoy, 83: "Star Trek's" original Spock, who will live long and prosper in science fiction fans' memories, died Feb. 27.

Cardinal Edward Egan, 82: The former archbishop of New York died March 5.

Michael Graves, 80: The architect and designer died March 12.

B.B. King, 89: The blues legend died May 14.

Beau Biden, 46: The former Delaware attorney general, son of Vice President Joe Biden, died May 30.

Christopher Lee, 93: The horror master and film villain died June 7.

James Horner, 61: The Oscar-winning composer died in a plane crash June 22.

Dick Van Patten, 86: The actor known for playing the dad on TV's "Eight Is Enough" died June 23.

Jerry Weintraub, 77: The movie producer of "The Karate Kid" and "Ocean's Eleven" died July 6.

Omar Sharif, 83: The "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Doctor Zhivago" actor died July 10.

Bobbi Kristina Brown, 22: The daughter of R&B singer Bobby Brown and the late Whitney Houston died July 22.

"Rowdy" Roddy Piper, 61: The WWE wrestler died July 31.

Frank Gifford, 84: The sportscaster and football star died Aug. 9.

Darryl Dawkins, 58: The ex-NBA star died Aug. 27.

Wayne Dyer, 75: The psychotherapist and self-help guru passed away Aug. 30.

Oliver Sacks, 82: The renowned neurologist who wrote about his cancer died Aug. 30.

Wes Craven, 76: The horror film director of "Nightmare on Elm Street" passed away Aug. 30.

Dean Jones, 84: The actor best-known for playing a racecar driver in "The Love Bug" died Sept. 1.

Moses Malone, 60: One of the NBA's most renowned players died Sept. 13.

Jackie Collins, 77: The best-selling author of "Hollywood Lives" died Sept. 19.

Yogi Berra, 90: The Major League Baseball catcher, manager and coach died Sept. 22.

Paul Prudhomme, 75: The celebrity chef passed away Oct. 8.

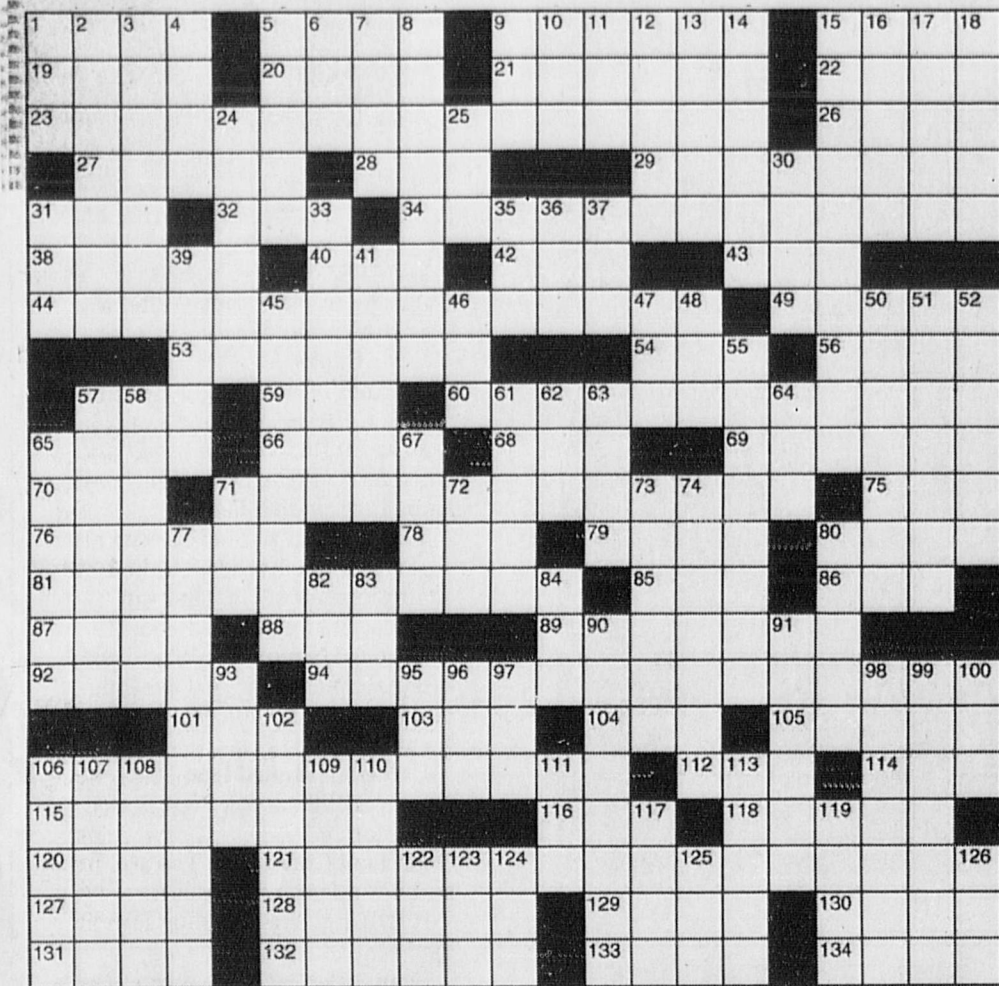
Dean Chance, 74: The 1964 Cy Young winner who pitched a no-hitter died Oct. 11.

Maureen O'Hara, 95: The Hollywood actress and star of "Miracle on 34th Street" and "The Quiet Man" died Oct. 24.

Fred Thompson, 73: The actor, senator and former presidential candidate died Nov. 1.

PUZZLES

Crossword • TA-DA!



- ACROSS**
1 Laughing sound
5 Friends, in French
9 Black Sea port
15 Tick away
19 Univ. VIP
20 Not yet finalized, in law
21 Dorm-mate, e.g.
22 Yarn, for one
23 Pulling a plug while at work?
26 Airport for Air France
27 "Old MacDonald" sequence
28 Part of NYC
29 Avoid booze
31 Rough amt.
32 Cat covering
34 Water balloon battles?
38 — boredom (endure extreme tedium)
40 Frazier's longtime foe
42 Waikiki neckwear
43 "That's neither here — there"
44 Unaffected by kiljoys?
49 Strips (off)
53 Vehicles like Santa's
54 Rowing tool
56 Jai — (fronton sport)
57 Put in words
59 Avenues: Abbr.
60 Ancient valley where female spouses lived?
65 Brick haulers
66 Part of a full house
68 "If — told you once ..."
69 Symphony writer
70 Bear, in León
71 Decide against divorce?
75 Suffix with hero
76 Entice
78 Letter after sigma
79 Legitimate
80 Electrolysis atoms
81 Basketballer Rodman is a suitor?
85 Mr., in India
86 Houston-to-Chicago dir.
87 TV's "How — Your Mother"
88 Water, in Paris
89 Heavy bases under statues
92 Firma or cotta lead-in
94 Finish doing the dishes prior to going shopping?
101 Hand-talking syst.
103 Scoff's cap
104 Above, to bards
105 Muscat citizen
106 Circus beast after tipping?
112 Maple syrup source
114 Fashionable
115 Singer of the 1969 #1 hit "Dizzy"
116 Conger, e.g.
118 Utter impulsively
120 "—, James!"
121 Twenty cents in change?
127 Straight — arrow
128 Barcelona's country, to its natives
129 Smell — (be leery)
130 Dialogue bit
131 Pad for a bird
132 Gold-medal gymnast
133 Light hits
134 Playwright William
- DOWN**
1 "Veep" ailer
2 More than forgetfulness
3 Huge seller
4 Nagging pain
5 Pear type
6 "O Sole —"
7 13-digit publishing ID
8 Entrée go-with
9 "... boy — girl?"
10 — amuse you?
11 Just about forever
12 Singer Kate
13 Vigorous strength
14 Rhodes' sea
15 Scans for errors
16 Crucial artery
17 Sunny?
18 Elegance
24 Paris' — Tower
25 He defeated Mondale to become pres.
30 Like a rain forest's climate: Abbr.
31 Byrnes who was "Kookie"
33 New Jersey river
35 Letters after kays
36 Bottom-line
37 American spy org.
39 Windows or Linux, briefly
41 Goes by foot
45 Answer
46 Same: Prefix
47 "— did not!"
48 Final Hebrew letter
50 Great joy
51 Jack of fitness
52 Kitchen strainers
55 Kingly state
57 "I goofed ... big whoop!"
58 Prettifier
61 Mil. rank
62 Movie format
63 Dress up in
64 Prefix with mount
65 "Not so fast!"
67 Q followers
71 Half of MIV
72 Laughing sound
73 Hunger for
74 Ones getting wages
77 Snaring
80 As a recap
82 He's no gentleman
83 — Lady
84 Beach lotion abbr.
90 Observed
91 Hullabaloo
93 Pale-looking
95 Since Jan. 1
96 Taproom
97 Ostrich's kin
98 Persian Gulf country
99 Linking up
100 Pound sound
102 Pantry
106 Joel Coen's brother
107 Unfettered
108 Thompson and Watson
109 Cacophony
110 Entice
111 Beatty of film
113 Aids in crime
117 Old Italian money
119 Aptly named citrus fruit
122 Have a bite
123 "That's —" ("knay")
124 East Indian flatbread
125 Hiking aid
126 By birth

Sudoku

		8		1	7	2		
4			3				5	
	1			8				3
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		9			5	4		1
6				4			2	
7					3	9		
	2	1	9					6
	9			6			4	

Level: Moderate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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LMKIFDBYSSSTOLIP
MLBPLAYERSEWUSQ
IOMKIFREERDSSBZ
NXWUSIHQRESNRON
EELJPCHFOYYAEUD
RCMMAAYWBAEITSN
SVUESREYALKCIRB
TSTQRPNLLPCIROK
IHFECILOPAOSWTE
CBZYWVFUSBJURCQ
SREYALPLFNP MNAM

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Actors	Laborers	NBA players	Teachers
Bricklayers	Miners	NFL players	Umpires
Firemen	MLB players	Nurses	Writers
Jockeys	Musicians	Police	

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HOROSCOPE

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A hectic period begins to wind down. Take time to draw some deep breaths and relax before getting into your next project. A long-absent family member makes contact.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to move forward with a new challenge that suddenly dropped in your lap. But you'd be wise to take this one step at a time to allow new developments to come through.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're almost ready to make a commitment. A lingering doubt or two, however, should be resolved before you move ahead. An associate could provide important answers.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still the watchword as you move closer toward a decision about a new situation. If you act too fast, you might miss some vital warning signs. Go slowly and stay alert.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your new goal looks promising, and your golden touch does much to enhance its prospects for success. In your private life, Cupid does his best to make

your new relationship special.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That impatient side of yours is looking to goad you into moving before you're ready to take that big step. Stay calm and cool. Let things fall into place before you act.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A legal matter you hoped could finally be settled could be a pesky problem for a while, until all the parties agree to stop disagreeing with each other. Be patient.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Partnerships — personal or professional — which began before the new year take on new importance. They also reveal some previously hidden risks. So be warned.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your associates are firmly on your side, and that persistent problem that has caused you to delay some activities should soon be resolved to your satisfaction.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Favorable changes continue to dominate, and you should be responding positively as they

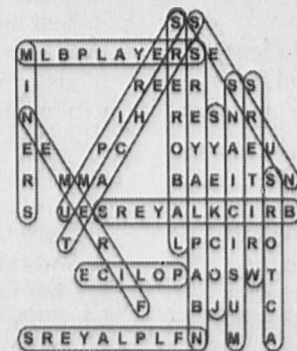
emerge. Someone wants to become more involved in what you're doing.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A friend wants to share a secret that could answer some questions you've wondered about for a long time. Meanwhile, travel aspects continue to be strong.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Stay on your new course despite so-called well-meaning efforts to discourage you. Rely on your deep sense of self-awareness to guide you to do what's right for you.
YOU BORN THIS WEEK: You have the capacity to meet challenges that others might find overwhelming, and turn them into successful ventures.

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CORRECTION:

In the Salome's Stars posted last week, Taurus had the year for "possible changes" as 2011. It should have read 2016. We apologize for the error.

SOLUTIONS



3	6	8	5	1	7	2	9	4
4	7	2	3	9	6	1	5	8
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2	8	9	7	3	5	4	6	1
6	5	7	1	4	8	3	2	9
7	4	6	8	5	3	9	1	2
5	2	1	9	7	4	8	3	6
8	9	3	2	6	1	7	4	5

CALENDAR

Winter art classes

WHEN: Jan. 13

WHAT: South Shore Art Center winter schedule of courses, workshops
INFO: The South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will open winter classes on Jan. 13. New youth classes include Super Animation Basics on Wednesdays beginning Jan. 20, and Stop Motion Animation on Thursdays beginning Jan. 21. Origami classes will take place Saturday mornings beginning Jan. 16, while Selfies and Friends is offered Tuesday afternoons, both also for kids. Adult classes include Figure Drawing on Thursday evenings, plus various painting workshops. Classes are offered for all ages and abilities; drawing and painting courses also take place at the Hingham Community Center on South Street in Hingham.

For a full description and to register: 781-383-2787, ssac.org.



COURTESY PHOTO

'Downton Abbey' tea, viewing

WHEN: 2-4 p.m. Jan. 2

WHAT: "Downton Abbey" afternoon tea and episode viewing
INFO: View the season five finale of "Downton Abbey" among friends and fellow fanatics at the Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. The season five finale will be viewed in order to prepare for the premiere of the final season of the series. Tea scones and other refreshments will be provided. Space is limited, so register at ventresslibrary.org under "Calendar of Events." Costumes and hats are highly encouraged.



COURTESY PHOTO

Duxbury Senior Festival

WHEN: Jan. 8-9

WHAT: Southeastern District Music Senior Festival

INFO: Several Pembroke students were accepted to the upcoming 2016 Southeastern District Music festivals, based on their auditions. The Senior Festival will be held at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center on Jan. 8 and 9, while the Junior Festival will be held at Taunton High School on March 4 and 5. Accepted to the Senior Festival band and chorus are: Eric Kaplowitz, band; Olivia Hussey, chorus; Kaleigh Ryan, chorus; Abigail Nugent, chorus; William Healey, chorus; and Quinn Keegan, chorus. Accepted to the Junior District Festival band are: Nate Belser, Lauren Walsh, Lilli Brown, Christopher Wesinger, Will Ferreira, Caitlin Ponte and Sydney Alfano. Accepted to Junior District Festival chorus: Danielle DeCastro and Colin Mulhern. Accepted to the Junior District Festival chorus: Emma Keane and Zachary Reggio.



COURTESY PHOTO

Saturday, Jan. 2

Paul Rishell & Annie Raines and Friends Concert: 8-10:15 p.m., South Shore Folk Music Club at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. When 22-year-old harmonica ace Annie Raines first sat in with 42-year-old country blues guitarist Paul Rishell in a Boston bar in 1992, few suspected they were witnessing the start of a musical partnership. Paul and Annie have racked up thousands of miles on the road in the U.S. and Europe, collaborated on original songs and released I Want to Know (Tone-Cool/Artemis 1996), Moving to the Country (2000), the W.C. Handy Award winner for Acoustic Blues Album of the Year, Goin' Home (2004) and Talking Guitar (2012).

Sunday, Jan. 3

5th Annual Frozen 5K: 9 a.m., South Shore YMCA, Quincy Branch, 79 Codding St., Quincy. Kick off the new year with the Y at the 5th Annual Frozen 5K road race through Quincy Center. The race begins and ends at the South Shore Y's Quincy Branch. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Warm up after you run at a post-race celebration for runners and their families in the Quincy Y field house. Proceeds benefit the Y's annual campaign, helping to fund financial assistance opportunities to ensure Y membership, programs and services remain accessible to all. Registration fees are \$25 through Jan. 2 and \$30 on race day for ages 13 and older, and \$10 for ages 12 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For information: ssymca.org/quincy/frozen-5k.

Monday, Jan. 4

Registration opens for The Company Theatre's ACT Studio One performing arts programs: noon, The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. The Academy of the Company Theatre's Studio One youth and adult small group performing arts classes are open for 2016 winter/spring registration. Classes run for 16 weeks for the spring semester, from the week of Jan. 25 through May 30. All programs are held at The Company Theatre Center for the Performing Arts. Students who register by Jan. 4 qualify for a 25-percent early bird discount. ACT

Studio One programs offer education geared toward refining youth skills in the arts, including acting, musical theater, Broadway jazz/repertory dance and improv. Adult voice, acting, tap and Broadway dance classes are also available in 8- to 9-week sessions. All programs require a \$10 registration fee. For information: bit.ly/1FCgZuO.

Tech Mondays at the Ventress Memorial Library: 6 p.m. Mondays in January, Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. The Ventress Library will be starting Tech Mondays at the beginning of the New Year. There will be four sessions covering iPad and iPhone Basics, eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines as well as device drop-in sessions to go over any questions. For information: 781-834-5535, rgreen@ocln.org.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

"Chill" oil paintings by Maureen Vezina: through Jan. 5, Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury. The harshness of last winter did not deter local oil painter Maureen Vezina from creating this collection. The beauty of winter is conveyed in these cold and snowy creations, many of which were done "en plein air" (in the open air). Presented by The Helen Bumpus Gallery. Free. For information: 781-934-2721, helenbumpusgallery.com.

Raising a Reader Series: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays in January, Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston. South Shore Family Network, in conjunction with the Kingston Library, is hosting a free Raising a Reader Series featuring "Big Ryan's Tall Tales." Parents with their children ages 3-5, with younger siblings welcome, can participate on Tuesday mornings in January in a literature-based program designed to encourage early literacy and book exchange program. For information or to register: 508-747-7575, ext. 6247; dmwrightman@sscac.org.

Thursday, Jan. 7

Front Street Art Gallery presents "Creature Comforts": 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate. The "Creature Comforts" show runs Jan. 7-31. Front Street

Art Gallery artists will depict creature comforts, a portrait of one's favorite chair by the fireside, a good book with a cup of tea or a pet who is cherished. Front Street Art Gallery is a juried cooperative gallery of over 20 local artists and artisans. Gallery winter hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Call for an appointment.

Friday, Jan. 8

Spanish Story Time at Su Escuela: 10:30-11 a.m., Su Escuela Language Academy, 75 Sgt. William B. Terry Drive, Hingham. Little ones and their caregivers are welcome to join Su Escuela teachers for a special holiday-themed story and craft time. Free and open to the public. Suggested ages 2-5. Su Escuela Language Academy partners with local libraries and community bookstores to offer story times in Spanish each month, where teachers select a familiar English book to read in Spanish to children and families. For information: 781-741-5454, suescuela.com.

Opening reception for artist Susan Ahearn: 6-8 p.m., Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Hingham resident and South Shore Art Center gallery artist Susan Ahearn is showing recent oil paintings throughout January and February at Cohasset's Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The show features everyday objects set in still life arrangements, along with a few landscapes. Ahearn has won numerous local art awards and was accepted into two national shows, including the 2015 show, Earth, Wind, and Fire, presented by the South Shore Art Association in Cohasset, where she won an honorable mention for her painting titled Fire Light. For information: 781-383-1348, cohassetlibrary.org.

Rockstar Posers at Quan's Kitchen Hanover: 9 p.m., Quan's Kitchen, 871 Washington St., Hanover. Members: Paul Doolittle lead guitar, Tom Corsia drums, Brian Battles bass, Jimmy Rogers vocals. Free. For information: 781-826-8868.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Tapestry: The Carole King Songbook: 8 p.m., The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. The

Company Theatre Center for Performing Arts presents its 2016 Special Events Series. A recreation of an iconic 1970s Carole King concert, Suzanne O. Davis and her band give an energetic performance of King's greatest recordings. Tickets, \$32, are available for purchase online, by phone or at the box office at 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. The box office is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and during all performances. Free parking is available on site, and the theater is handicap accessible. For information: 781-871-2787, companytheatre.com.

Sunday, Jan. 10

Boating Skills and Seaman-ship Course: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Jan. 10, for eight weeks. Metropolitan Yacht Club, 39 Vinedale Road, Braintree. An eight-lesson boating skills and seamanship course is offered by Flotilla 12-5 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Classes convene take place Sunday mornings beginning Jan. 10, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This course is directed to the first-time boater and as a review for the more experienced boater. Completion of this course may qualify for a discount on the student's vessel insurance. Cost, including materials: \$55. For information or to register, contact Bill Fuller: 781-848-2906, lwfj@verizon.net.

"Billy Elliot the Musical" auditions: 1 p.m., The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. The award-winning Company Theatre announces open auditions for its upcoming production of "Billy Elliot the Musical." Callbacks will be held Jan. 11. Audition candidates should be strong singers, and arrive prepared to sing a song from the show in the show key or a song in a similar musical theater style. The score will be available, and an audition accompanist will be provided. Dress appropriately to learn and rehearse a dance combination; not all audition candidates are required to be strong dancers. Audition candidates may bring their own sheet music, and should also bring a headshot or snapshot. A resume is helpful, but not required.

Sunday Author Talks series with Peter C. Stone: 4-7 p.m., Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Prize-winning artist, author, educator and marine biologist Peter C. Stone will give a talk about his book "Waltzes with Giants: The Twilight Journey of the North Atlantic Right Whale." A wine & cheese reception and book signing will follow. Free admission. Seating is limited. Sunday Author Talks series is sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors, Goodale Insurance and A Taste For Wine & Spirits. For information: 781-383-1348, cohassetlibrary.org.

Monday, Jan. 11

Literacy volunteer orientation: 10 a.m. to noon, Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy. Would you like to help an adult learn to read? Consider becoming a volunteer literacy tutor. Literacy Volunteers of MA-Quincy provides free one-on-one tutoring in basic reading and writing to adults on the South Shore. For information: 617-376-1314, thomascranelibrary.org/read.

Friday, Jan. 15

Ballroom line dance lessons and practice: 7-9 p.m., First Parish of Norwell, Unitarian Universalist, 24 River St., Norwell. Learn and practice line dances done at ballroom dances around the South Shore — incorporating steps from tango, cha cha, waltz and other ballroom dances — in this new monthly class. Two full lessons included in each two-hour session, plus reviews and line dance practice. Bring your own snacks, drinks. \$5 per person. For information: 781-659-7122, firstparishnorwell.org.

Sunday, Jan. 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Seder: 3-5 p.m., Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham. Celebrate with neighbors and friends and family the values of Martin Luther King Jr. in the format of a Jewish Passover Seder. Sponsored by the Hingham Hull Religious Leaders Association and hosted by Congregation Sha'aray Shalom. Singing, readings, food and "schmoozing." For adults and kids ages 8 and older. Suggested \$5 per person; all are welcome. For information: 973-476-3231, shaaray.org.

Friday, Jan. 22

The Academy of The Company Theatre Teen Conservatory presents "Hair": 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22-23, 3 p.m. Jan. 24, The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. The Academy of The Company Theatre presents the iconic musical "Hair." The large cast is infused with freedom and an idealistic vision, gathered together to tell the story of 1960s America. Book and lyrics are by Jerome Ragni and James Rado, music by Galt MacDermot. Co-directed by Jordie Saucerman and Zoe Bradford with choreography by Sally Forrest and music direction by Michael Joseph. Tickets: \$15-17. For information: 781-871-2787, companytheatre.com.

Ongoing

Friday night bingo: 6:30-10 p.m. Fridays, Knights of Columbus Hall, 48 Schoosett St., Pembroke. Exit 12 off of Route 3. First game 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. Free coffee and tea. Speed. Ball, Horse Race, Jockeys

and more. Concession area serves a variety of meals 'till games start. A cash soda machine is available, along with Danny's Snack Bar (candy, crackers, chips). An ATM is available. For information: 781-829-4910, kofc6267pembroke.com/bingo.html.

Gary Lamb Band: 8-11 p.m. Fridays, WaterFire Tavern at the John Carver, 25 Summer St., Plymouth. For information: 508-246-7609, garyhadalittleband.com.

Mayflower Brewing Company brewery tour: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Mayflower Brewing Company, 12 Resnik Road, Plymouth. Mayflower Brewing Company is a craft beer microbrewery located in Plymouth that offers weekly tours on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Patrons have options of samples, voyages or pints. The tours are family friendly, but attendees need a valid ID in order to taste the product. For information: 508-746-2674, mayflowerbrewing.com.

Young Adults Gathering: 7-9 p.m. second Saturdays, New Hope Chapel, 89 Court St., Plymouth. The Gathering is a community of young people (ages 18-30) committed to worshiping God and making disciples. Built around a coffeehouse atmosphere, The Gathering features acoustic worship, a relevant message, fellowship, coffee and refreshments. All are welcome.

Traditional Irish session with Skip Toomey: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell. For information: 781-561-7361, tinkersson.com.

Open mike with Bill Downes: 4-8 p.m. Sundays, Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell. For information: 781-561-7361, tinkersson.com.

Splash of Blues Jam: 4-8 p.m. Sundays, except game days, Players Sports Bar & Grille, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. For information: 781-681-9999, southshoresportsbar.com.

Hanover Phoenix Lodge monthly breakfast: 8-11 a.m. second Sundays, September to June, Phoenix Lodge, 133 Broadway, Hanover. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, bacon, sausage links, home fries, corned beef hash, baked beans, toast, juice, coffee and tea. Adults, \$7; children ages 11 and younger, \$4. Proceeds support local Phoenix Lodge charities.

South Shore Men of Harmony: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., Hingham. South Shore Men of Harmony rehearse every Tuesday. New members always welcome. For information: 781-337-7464, facebook.com/ssmenofharmony.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR CALENDAR EVENT

Here are some tips on getting your event information posted to the Wicked Local calendar and included in this regional calendar:

REGISTER: Find the Events Calendar on your Wicked Local homepage in the bottom right portion on the website and click on the Add Event button. Click the Register link in the top right hand corner of your calendar page, above Add Event. Enter an email address, first name, last name, password, and password confirmation. Once you click "Register," a verification email will be sent to the email address with which you registered. Be sure to confirm your account through that email to complete the process. Once registered, you will have the ability to add events.

ADD AN EVENT: Click the Add Event button. Fill in required fields such as event title, date, time, category, and venue. Events may be set up to repeat daily,

weekly, monthly, or by manually adding additional dates.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

■ The more detail the better in the event description field and there is a section to provide optional contact information.

■ Categories are important for tagging events with discoverable search terms and eases a visitor's ability to find the type of events they are looking to attend. An event can have multiple categories.

■ Events must be matched to a known venue. You can also add a new venue if your venue is not listed.

■ Events are subject to review before appearing on the site.

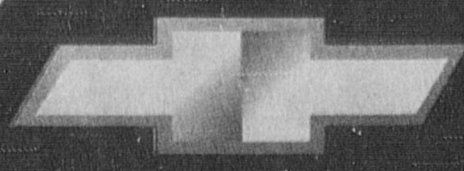
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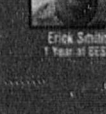
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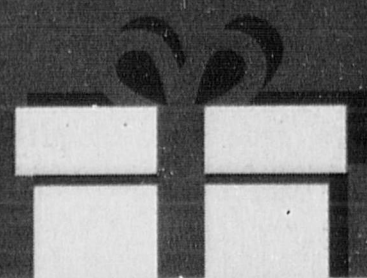
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